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'55 HIGHLIGHTS

Top local sports thrills and highlights of 1955 with a full pictorial page will be found in the sports section of the Times today, pages 12 and 13.

Fires Kill
6 Children
In East
Christmas Tree
Blamed for Blaze

ST. PIERRE, Man. (BUP)—A Christmas tree was today blamed for the death of three small boys who were burned to death in their St. Pierre, Man., home early today.

RCMP reported that five-year-old Loo Arpin, his four-year-old brother Guy, and three-year-old Richard died in a blaze which gutted their home shortly before 8 a.m.

The lad's father, George Arpin, a local taxi driver, was not at home when the fire started. Police said the origin of the blaze was not known, but it was believed to have begun near the Christmas tree.

Another of the Arpin's seven children, the eldest, Noel, age 10, was reported in good condition in St. Pierre hospital. He received undetermined injuries when he jumped from a second-story window of the flaming house.

GATINEAU MILLS, Que. (CP)—Three children were burned to death today in a fire which destroyed a two-story frame house in near zero weather in this town five miles east of Ottawa.

Killed were Philippe, 9; Nicole, 6, and Charles, 4, children of Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Gendron.

Mrs. Gendron suffered severe burns when she rescued her two-year-old daughter, Louise. She was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital in nearby Hull in serious condition. The child suffered superficial burns.

The fire broke out at about 8:30 a.m. and within 10 minutes, when firemen arrived, the house was a mass of flames.

FOUND IN BEDROOM

The three victims were found in a front bedroom on the second floor, two of them still in bed, the other on the floor.

A fireman said "there must have been some sort of explosion to cause the fire to spread so quickly."

The father, a plumber, was away at work.

The tragedy raised the fire toll in Ottawa and immediate vicinity to 11 deaths within 11 days and to 16 within the last one and one-half months.

Search Resumed

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP)—Search for fliers Forest Wright and Andy Warwick, missing since Dec. 6 in Canada's Northwest Territories, has been resumed out of the small Yukon river town of Eagle.

Bush plane pilots took a three-day break to spend Christmas with their families and to get their planes serviced.

GM PRESIDENT
NAMED
MAN OF YEAR

NEW YORK (AP)—Time magazine has chosen Harlow Curtice, president of General Motors, as its 1955 "man of the year."

Curtice, "in a job that required it, assumed the responsibility for leadership for American business," the magazine says in its January 2 issue, out today.

The Time article recalls that Curtice reflected his confidence in the economy by announcing a \$1,000,000,000 GM plant expansion program early in 1954 at a time when there was gloomy talk of the post-war boom ending.

As a result of the "billion dollar bet," Time says, "many another businessman also raised his sights, putting more dollars into pockets to spend, and sending the economy booming along into 1955's record year."

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HE NEARLY HAD A FIT!

William Higgs had a little trouble when he tried on Christmas gift hat; exchanged it today at HBC for something more fitting. Store take exchanges on

all undamaged merchandise, no matter where purchased, as long as of type regularly sold. System proves boon to Mr. Higgs. (Times photo.)

Christmas Sales Hit New High;
Retailers Report 10% Boost

By NORMAN CRIBBENS
Times Business Editor

Victoria storekeepers looked over their Christmas returns today and found them highly satisfactory.

Some stores estimated sales were 10 per cent up on the rush period last year, hitting a new high.

The shopping spree continued right up to closing time Christ-

mas Eve and many stores had difficulty shutting their doors on the anxious crowds seeking last-minute gifts.

A few small stores said trade was no better than last year but the majority declared this was the best buying season for years.

Estimates of sales volume up to closing time Christmas Eve never seen male shoppers buy-

ranged from five to 15 per cent up on last year.

There was a general tendency towards higher quality gifts particularly in the way of television and high fidelity sets, electrical household appliances and table cutlery.

Fishing rods, rifles, furniture, table and bed lamps and pictures were also much in demand as gifts this year.

Some storekeepers had the impression many customers dug into their savings this Christmas in order to buy quality goods for close relatives.

Photographic shops did well in the way of personalized Christmas cards made from family snapshots.

Pioneer Parson,
J. W. Miller, Dies

VANCOUVER (BUP)—One of British Columbia's pioneer country parsons, the Rev. John Wesley Miller, died here today at the age of 73.

A graduate of Trinity College, Toronto, Mr. Miller came to Salt Spring Island as a student minister in 1907. He served as minister, first with the Methodist Church and later with the United Church at 10 B.C. towns and in Vancouver.

The funeral service will be in Vancouver Friday at 3 p.m.

Mr. Miller was prominent in Ministerial Association affairs and a charter member of the University of British Columbia. One of the achievements of his early ministry was the raising of funds to build a church in Port Alberni in 1912. The pioneer church still serves the United Church congregation there.

His survivors include relatives across the country and his widow and son, Dean, of the Vancouver area.

Canada's record expansion

"still has some way to go," he said.

Given appropriate restraint on the part of all groups in the economic community, prospects for a relatively prolonged period of economic expansion appear bright indeed."

"Considering the recent tempo," he said at another point, "the surprising thing is the degree to which the economy has thus far been free of those strains and excesses which eventually lead to deterioration."

PAGE REGULATED

"Some materials are in short supply, credit is tightening and

interest rates have risen. These factors, however, are simply a reflection of current market strength. In the present circumstances they are not likely to dampen expansion but they may on the other hand, provide a necessary means of regulating it pace."

The scarcity of some materials is expected to continue in 1956.

In fact this scarcity may be an important limiting factor on the size of next year's capital investment program, Mr. Howe said.

In 1955, Canadians excelled themselves in many ways. The gross national product—value of all goods and services produced

—rose by an unusually high 10 per cent to a record \$26,400,000,000 from \$24,000,000,000 in 1954.

Mr. Howe believed it will go still higher in 1956. Some of his officials later said it may reach nearly \$28,000,000,000. However, while virtually all of the 1955 increase was in volume, some of the 1956 increase is expected to include higher prices—the result of pressure of demand on a limited supply of some goods.

In 1955, records were made in other economic fields. Outlays for construction and other capital investment will exceed the department's \$6,000,000,000 mid-

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Good thing all stories about our prosperity come out b'fore th' Christmas bills come in.

Jus' 304 shoppin' days t' ...

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Highway Deaths Spark Appeals For Safety

Canada Aroused Claxton States

OTTAWA (BUP)—A call to all Canadians to clean their roads of death and maiming went out today from two national organizations in their 1955 round-up reports.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's vice-president and general manager, Brook Claxton, said Canadians were "aroused as never before to the needless high toll."

Canadian Good Roads Association president Antonio Talbot urged a greater bid to "mobilize public opinion against a wanton waste of human life."

Claxton is former national defence minister. Talbot is Quebec minister of roads.

Indications were that the road accident death rate would be about the same this year as in 1954, but lower than in 1953, according to the Metropolitan Life's review.

PROSPECTS BRIGHTER

It added: "The prospect of reducing the present toll of fatalities appears brighter with the establishment of . . . the Canadian Highway Safety Conference and the wide measure of public support already being given to the efforts of the new organization and to the provincial and local campaigns."

The CGRA's report also praised the formation of the national conference, which is being supported by major agencies concerned with highway safety.

Talbot commented: "We are encouraged to hope that it will have an appreciable effect in reversing the tide of highway accidents. All Canadian governments have taken measures recently to reduce highway accidents."

CHICAGO (AP) — Experts who forecast an all-time high traffic toll for the Christmas holidays now predict a record for the New Year's weekend.

The National Safety Council estimated today that 420 Americans will be killed on streets and roads during the three-day New Year's celebration "unless there is a sharp improvement in the driving habits that shocked the nation last weekend."

609 DEATHS

The council had predicted 560 motor vehicle fatalities for the three-day Christmas holiday. The number added up to 609.

The record for traffic deaths during a New Year's extended holiday is 407, set during a four-day week-end period at the end of 1952 and start of 1953.

Motor vehicle fatalities in the United States this year through October totaled 30,980. They show a gain of 7 per cent over the corresponding months of 1954.

Death Sentence Off for Mau Mau

NAIROBI, Kenya (Reuters)—The government announced today that for an experimental three-month period it will drop the death sentence for Mau Mau terrorists caught with ammunition in their possession.

The sentence, under emergency laws enacted 2½ years ago, will be life imprisonment instead. The death sentence remains for persons convicted of carrying arms or consorting with armed men.

VIKING PORT

Jarishof in the Shetland Isles was a principal port of call for the Vikings of 1,000 years ago.

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year forecast, the \$5,500,000,000 of 1954 and the previous high of \$5,800,000,000 in 1953. And there may be another increase in 1956, Mr. Howe said.

A record of 126,000 new homes was completed in 1955, up from 102,000 in 1954. The question on the minds of many officials was: Can Canada keep up this high house-building pace? Mr. Howe observed the carryover of unfinished houses was much higher at the end of 1955 than in 1954. Officials placed it at 78,000 dwellings, up from 60,000 last year. They said this record carryover will be an important influence over the whole 1956 housing program.

Exports in 1955 moved up to an estimated high of \$4,350,000, a gain of 12 per cent over 1954, a peak in volume and equivalent to the 1952 record value.

And there is no major sign of slackening on the exports front, Mr. Howe said.

He argued that the current shift in Canada toward export industries is not necessarily a one-sided development of the economy. Such a shift was likely to be associated with continuing growth in secondary manufacturing. Any growth in the over-all Canadian market, irrespective of the cause, broadens the range of goods that can be produced in Canada economically.

"It would seem, therefore, that rising exports of materials are favorable to the further growth and diversification of the Canadian economy."

PRICES STEADY

The big 1955 economic upsurge from the 1954 recession was accomplished with virtually no increase in consumer prices.

Big Gun Battle Between Chinese

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — The heaviest gun battle in a month erupted this morning between Nationalist Chinese on Quemoy and Communists on nearby Red-held territory.

Official Nationalist reports said the Reds lobbed more than 500 shells onto Quemoy between 8 and 10 a.m. and the Nationalists hit back hard, particularly at Amoy.

COURTENAY—Henry Schellinck won first prize in a Christmas home-lighting contest here, and E. Brickman was second.

George Gallup, Fifth Street tailor, won the prize for the best-decorated business premises.

Because of the success of the contest, a committee headed by Reg Arcaud will plan a similar competition next year.

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**PARENTAL SUPERVISION IRKSOME?**

Close friends of the Dionne quintuplets believed today that strong family and parental ties, under strain as the four surviving girls seek to make their own way in life, led father to bitter complaint Tuesday.

WEALTH, ROMANCE CAUSE FAMILY SPLIT**Quints Want to Lead Own Lives; Annette Said 'Deeply in Love'**

TORONTO (CP)—The Telegram in a Montreal dispatch says the surviving Dionne quintuplets want "to get away from parental supervision" and to "lead their own lives."

A by-lined story by reporter Phillips Griffiths says the four sisters "are much distressed over their father's public declaration from Callander, Ont., Tuesday that they ignored their parents at Christmas time."

Miss Griffiths says the sisters asked a "friend and counsellor" to tell her how they felt and why they acted as they did.

The quotes the spokesman as saying:

"The four remaining quintuplets want to make a private life of their own. They are very, very

closely attached to one another."

"Marie and Annette would have gone home for Christmas, but Yvonne and Cecile, who are in their second year as nurses-in-training at Hospital de Notre Dame de l'Esperance, were on duty. It was most important to the four of them to be together."

SAW MOTHER

"They all saw Mrs. Dionne about 10 days before Christmas—she visited them—and everything seemed fine then. They had been talking about going home for New Year's together, but now they are not going. Cecile will have time off but not Yvonne."

HAS NO REGRETS**Statement Needed Oliva Maintains**

NORTH BAY, Ont. (CP)—Olivia Dionne said today he does not regret having issued a statement Tuesday to the effect a rift has been created between his quintuplet daughters and other members of the family.

Informed that one of the quintuplets, Yvonne, has denied in Montreal that there is any estrangement between the girls and their parents, Mr. Dionne said his original statement stands.

"I don't regret having issued the statement," he said.

"It wasn't something that was done on the spur of the moment. Mrs. Dionne and I remained silent about the matter for a long time, but the embarrassment we were suffering over the separation became so great we felt obliged to make public how we felt about it."

Mr. Dionne said regardless of what the quintuplets are reported to have said in Montreal, he still adheres to his original statement.

"I think their reaction justifies the step we took. They themselves now say they want to be by themselves. That confirms the separation."

"But we hold no grudge."

Suspect Held After Slashing

VANCOUVER (CP)—Michael Mullaley, 37, was severely injured during a beer parlor argument here Tuesday and police are holding a suspect.

Mullaley received a badly slashed throat in a scuffle with his assailant who attacked him with a broken beer glass.

No charges have yet been laid.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower flew out of Washington's cold weather today, for Key West, Fla., and about two weeks of sun, rest and outdoor exercise his doctors have prescribed.

Physicians recommended warmer weather and more chance to get outdoors to help Eisenhower's convalescence from his September 24 heart attack.

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Saboteurs Blamed For UK Rail Cut**Tragedy Averted as Trackwalker Stumbles on Unbolted Trackage**

LONDON (UP)—Police today pushed an investigation into a "deliberate" sabotage attempt against the government-owned railways, plagued by a month-long series of crashes and accidents that have killed 24 persons and injured more than 180.

Saboteurs were blamed for cutting the main Bradford to Skipton line at Charleston, Yorkshire, yesterday. A trackwalker found a heap of ballast sand on the mainline at one point and lengths of unbolted rails at another. The bolts were missing and police said it was a deliberate attempt to sabotage the line.

Discovery of the break averted what could have been another tragic accident. Police said the persons responsible "must have had considerable technical knowledge."

Two other incidents were reported on the nationalized railways yesterday. An express train en route to London slid backwards down a steep grade near Darwen while the wheels of the 62-ton locomotive spun vainly. Four coaches of the eight-car train were derailed but were propped upright by a wall running parallel to the tracks.

\$600 MILLION SPENT ON ROADS

OTTAWA (UPI)—Canada's federal and provincial governments spent a record \$600,000,000 on roads this year, and indications are that this high-level road construction will continue in 1956. Canadian Good Roads Association president, Antonio Talbot, said today.

Railway officials reported several passengers "shaken."

A London-bound train was delayed three hours when a schedule mixup left a signal box unmanned at Southport, Lancashire.

Transport Minister Harold Watkinson called a full-scale inquiry into the operation of the railways Saturday after three train crashes within 36 hours.

Visitors' Criticism Justified Red Admits

MOSCOW (UP)—Russia admitted today that foreign criticism of bad housing, poor town planning and wasted manpower in the Soviet Union was correct. A report on the Asian tour of Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Party Secretary Nikita Khrushchev is to be discussed.

Villis Lachin chairman of the council of nationalities, told the third day's meeting of the Supreme Soviet (parliament) that the criticism came from visiting foreign delegations last summer.

He said the delegations particularly noted the waste of manpower, inadequacy in town

planning and bad housing. The meeting of the nationalities council is expected to end tomorrow when the fourth item on the Supreme Soviet's agenda, a report on the Asian tour of Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Party Secretary Nikita Khrushchev is to be discussed.

Lowest Prices in the West Standard Furniture

WEALTH, ROMANCE CAUSE FAMILY SPLIT**Quints Want to Lead Own Lives; Annette Said 'Deeply in Love'**

The Star says in a dispatch from North Bay that wealth and romance are reported the cause of a split in the family relations between the four surviving Dionne quintuplets and their parents.

The paper says this is the opinion expressed in North Bay "by persons connected with the quintuplets and their families over a period of years."

IN LOVE

The report adds: "Rebellion of the quintuplets has been fomenting for years. Since earliest youth the quintuplets' life... has been a setting for discord with jealousy among family members as the root of the trouble..."

"What turned this family rift into a full-scale rebellion is not known. What is known is that Annette is deeply in love with a young man who is also in love with her."

"Money which the quintuplets made as children has been the contentious issue out of which most of the problems grew."

The report says the parents, through a statement to the press Tuesday, seem to be trying to use public disapproval as a lever against their daughters to force them to conform.

"And we still haven't received that Christmas card they mentioned."

"However, I don't want to prolong the discussion in public. We have given our statement and we don't want to say anything further. We certainly don't want to make a circus out of it."

The parents said they have been bombarded with requests from television and radio stations and networks and from daily newspapers to elaborate on their views.

"We have turned down these requests and will continue to do so," Mr. Dionne said.

"We don't think it would be in good taste to say anything further."

New Oil Strike Made In Los Angeles City

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Oil has been struck in Boyle Heights, a residential area just east of downtown Los Angeles. Richfield Oil Corp. said its first well has been completed there and is flowing at 170 barrels a day of 25.7-degree gravity through a 12.64-inch orifice from sands at from 3,150 to 3,492 feet. Gas production was recorded at a rate of 60,000 cubic feet a day.

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Two other incidents were reported on the nationalized railways yesterday. An express train en route to London slid backwards down a steep grade near Darwen while the wheels of the 62-ton locomotive spun vainly. Four coaches of the eight-car train were derailed but were propped upright by a wall running parallel to the tracks.

\$600 MILLION SPENT ON ROADS

OTTAWA (UPI)—Canada's federal and provincial governments spent a record \$600,000,000 on roads this year, and indications are that this high-level road construction will continue in 1956. Canadian Good Roads Association president, Antonio Talbot, said today.

Railway officials reported several passengers "shaken."

A London-bound train was delayed three hours when a schedule mixup left a signal box unmanned at Southport, Lancashire.

Transport Minister Harold Watkinson called a full-scale inquiry into the operation of the railways Saturday after three train crashes within 36 hours.

Visitors' Criticism Justified Red Admits

MOSCOW (UP)—Russia admitted today that foreign criticism of bad housing, poor town planning and wasted manpower in the Soviet Union was correct. A report on the Asian tour of Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Party Secretary Nikita Khrushchev is to be discussed.

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The New Phase

MR. DULLES SAID THE OTHER day that the world power struggle had entered "a new phase." How difficult and complex that phase will be is indicated by the case of the proposed Aswan dam on the Nile.

The Russians offer to build the dam and thus largely increase the crops of the Nile Valley by irrigation. Evidently caught off balance by the Russian move, the United States and Britain offer Egypt \$70 millions, with additional amounts unspecified to pay for this huge project.

These opposing bids for Egypt's favor are only the beginning of the story. As soon as Mr. Dulles proposes to spend American money to increase Egypt's production of cotton, the American cotton industry protests. Already, it says, American cotton is difficult to sell, a surplus is piling up and yet the United States intends to make conditions worse in the world market by irrigating the cotton land of Egypt.

There is even more to the problem than that. American policies of dumping farm products abroad already have damaged Egypt seriously. It cannot sell its last cotton crop, by normal trade, against artificial American competition.

The communists know how to take advantage of these conditions. Russia and Czechoslovakia offer to take the cotton off Egypt's hands by various barter deals. Naturally Egypt welcomes them. It is getting arms from Czechoslovakia, hopes to get a dam from Russia and at the same time is pressed to accept money from the United States and Britain. Egypt, a weak nation, finds itself with a large bargaining power.

The same sort of thing is happening in Burma, which finds that it cannot sell its rice crop in the world market—a food product subsidized

by the United States. Again Russia is on the doorstep with crocodile tears and offers of help to its poor friends in southeast Asia. It will take Burma's rice and pay for it in a barter of other goods.

Such are the methods of the new phase in the cold war. Obviously American trading policies are not devised for the present situation, are not entirely an asset but, in places, can be a liability to American foreign policy.

Gifts or cheap sales of farm products abroad may gratify some of the recipients. On the other hand, by undermining the world market, they antagonize other nations like Egypt and Burma. In the case of wheat they have deeply disturbed even the Government of Canada, the United States' closest friend.

At the same time, the United States' method of subsidizing the production of crops that cannot be sold in normal trade encourages further surpluses in the future and does nothing to solve the basic farm problem.

Apparently the Eisenhower Government intends to resort to the so-called "soil bank" scheme, paying farmers to leave marginal farm lands uncropped, in grass or forest. This may reduce but can hardly be expected to eliminate the current agricultural surpluses. The Democrats, on the other hand, bidding for the decisive farm vote, demand still higher crop subsidies—rigid instead of the present flexible farm price supports.

Neither party seems willing to face the fundamental fact that the United States cannot go on exporting more than it imports, unless it continues to give away its goods, with the present disruptive effects on the world's trade. Those effects now stretch from the central plains of America to the Nile Valley.

Good Words From Sandringham

QUEEN ELIZABETH IN HER Christmas broadcast chose an apt simile in likening to the voyages of discovery in an earlier day our adventure into this age. Our explorations today are not geographical but sociological and political—much more difficult and dangerous territory.

"We have still to solve the problem of living peacefully together as peoples and as nations," said the Queen. "We shall need the faith and determination of our forebears when they crossed uncharted seas into the hidden interiors . . ."

The second Elizabethan era will thus have much in common with the first: there will be unbounded challenges to open new paths and gaze on

new vistas, there will be the need for men of adventurous spirit, for leaders with the courage to experiment and penetrate the unknown.

If we are successful, the prize will be much greater than a new continent, more lasting than the fame of the explorers. It will be, in fact, a New World of another kind, an old world made new through a new approach to the problems common to all men. But the qualities necessary for success will be the same—the "faith and determination of our forebears."

As Her Majesty has said, there can be no turning back, no standing still. "We must adventure on if we are to make the world a better place."

Twanging the Puppet's Strings

THES RUSSIANS' EFFORTS TO convince the West that East Germany is an independent power are hampered by the fact that the communists do not believe their own propaganda.

East Germany is the weakest link in the Soviet chain of satellites. Of all the European countries taken over by Russia, it had the smallest core of communists. The years of Hitler's reign had driven all the chief leftists either to exile in Russia or to

The small group which returned to East Germany from the Soviet Union found itself out of touch with the people. The communist rule was imposed from the top, and it has had to be maintained in the same way.

Moscow's frequent declarations that East Germany is entirely free and independent have not changed this situation. The recent announcement that East Germany would have complete control of its security and cross-frontier canal traffic likewise has made little impression on the West.

Under the terms of the agreement by which Berlin became a divided capital Russia was to be the sole voice for East Germany in case of disputes with the West. Moscow has delegated this authority to the East German Government in an effort to give it a semblance of autonomy and force the West to recognize it, but the basic realities have not been affected.

East Germany has the same parliamentary set-up as the other satel-

lates. Government is by cabinet decree, the acts of this sovereign body being ratified by a "people's parliament" some time after they have been initiated. Elections are of the "one list" variety, and although there are non-communist political parties the communist organization is in complete control. All government policy originates with the politburo of the Socialist Unity Party, the East German counterpart of the Communist Party. Walter Ulbricht, the key man of the party, is in constant touch with the Soviet ambassador to East Germany, and it is believed he also has direct communication with Moscow.

Russian recognition of the Germans' dependence is seen in the fact that East Germany is not called a People's Democracy, as are the other satellites. It is realized that East Germany is in a less highly developed state of communism than the rest of Russia's empire.

Remembered, too, is the fact that the great problem of German reunification overshadows all such questions. If Soviet promises of reunification are to carry weight, the East German Government must be viewed as a temporary regime, a caretaker administration until the country is united under one parliament. This attitude must inevitably weaken East German autonomy. At any rate, it strengthens Western determination not to accord recognition to the rest of Russia's empire.

Remembered, too, is the fact that the dead horse were to land in the reservoir.

Within a matter of hours the example had been related at home as fact, the "dead horse" was now accompanied by a dead moose, and the whole community was besieging the town hall for action.

Such misunderstandings and the resultant terrifying rumors are fortunately rare in our communities. By and large the public is well informed and correctly informed and the rumor-monger enjoys a very short run. For such situations the press, with all its faults, may well take a measure of credit. As a medium of information about what goes on it has yet to be surpassed.

And I Quote . . .

THE PRESS IS ON OCCASION charged by public speakers with having garbled their words. But the speakers' astonishment and chagrin might be much greater sometimes if they could see the impression their words have made directly on the minds of their audiences. Even when speeches are delivered clearly, both as to enunciation and meaning, the message may become weirdly twisted for their hearers.

A firm believer in this fact, no doubt, is the school teacher of Midleton, N.S., who recently tried to explain contamination of the water supply to his class. He gave them an extreme example, telling them there would be contamination if a

Little Jack Horner



Chips

BY DAVID BROCK

NOW that Christmas is safely out of the way, and people are getting a little more critical of each other again, perhaps I may be allowed to haul off and take a mild poke at the Reverend R. C. Plant of Adelaide Street Baptist Church, London, Ontario. Shortly before Christmas this turbulent priest announced that Santa Claus is often nothing more than a red-faced, pot-bellied, drunken representative of materialism. I am only surprised that he did not call Santa a drunken bum . . . it is the usual noun after that adjective. I was going to say something about these rebukes before Christmas, but I decided to simmer down for a while, till the season of goodwill was over. The season of mince pies is no time for saying "I shall not mince my words."

By all means let us mince words when it is reasonable to do so. Except when you are the Reverend Mr. Plant, calling Santa Claus a red-faced, pot-bellied, drunken representative of materialism. No mincing there. It reminds me of the time when one of P. G. Wodehouse's characters called another character a "perishing old bottle-nosed gawd-elp-us." For that, after all, is what the charge of being a r.f.b.d.r.m. means . . . it means St. Claus is a p.o.b.n.g.h.u.

WELL, I never heard the like. Nor do I fully understand the complaint. If Santa was as thin as a dime, if he had a lean and hungry look, would that make him any better? Saint Thomas Aquinas was about the brainiest man who ever lived, and one of the holiest, yet he was built like an ox and was so fat that he needed an altar with a U-shaped piece cut out of it, like a ferryboat's landing stage, before he could get his hands near it. And if you don't believe in official saints, look at doctors, who are usually looking after others; most modern doctors have bigger tummies than I have, but this does not mean they serve their fellows less than I.

As for red faces, some of them are a badge of a greedy life all right, but not all of them. In any event, in the role of Santa usually played with the face red all over? Red cheeks, yes, presumably from the frost and wind. But a drunken flush? That's a new Santa on me. Now I come to think of it, I have seen very few Santas who were even slightly tight or semi-pooched. The week before Christmas I read about one in New York who got the sack for drinking. And it was after he was fired, not before, that he beat up the manager.

AND again, one of the chief complaints against the usual drunk is that he is the very reverse of materialistic . . . he

DENNIS THE MENACE



DID YOU GET YOURS FROM SANTA CLAUS TOO?

From Our Files

Dec. 28, 1895 — H.M.S. *Satellite* arrived in Royal Roads last night, 45 days from Manzanillo, and was towed into Esquimalt this morning by H.H.S. *Pheasant*. She sailed home because her propeller shaft was out of line.

Dec. 28, 1915 — Workmen are busy at the Elk's clubrooms completing the decorations for the New Year's Eve dance. Several novel features will be included in the program this time. George Ozard's orchestra.

Dec. 28, 1935 — Berlin—Informed sources asserting Hitler recently rebuffed British and French overtures for arms limitation, said today he was "taking a bolder stand as German armaments increase."

SIGNIFICANT

Mr. Pearson at his press conference discussed Nationalist China's veto in the United Nations. He was asked how Communist China could ever become a member of UN over the veto of Nationalist China. His reply was short and to the point: "They (Nationalist China) may not be sitting there forever." Asked to comment upon Nationalist China's veto of Outer Mongolia, preventing Japan's ad-

As Our Readers See It

FOREST PETITION

I wish to thank those public-spirited people who assisted in, and the hundreds who lent their support to a forest petition circulated a grain of common sense that we beg leave to quote: "Lord Runciman was sent there to investigate the situation. Because he only came in contact with the people who served the Nazis and their ideology to dominate the world, he could not make any other report than that which corresponded to the Goebbels' propaganda".

From this it is obvious that any further argument is futile. A.K.

AL SHEPHERD,

Canvasser for the above district.

THANKS FOR MAILING EARLY

Once again the heavy Christmas mailing period has come and gone and I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Post Office Department, the local Post Office staff and Sub Postmasters, to extend a sincere "thank you" to the citizens of the Victoria Metropolitan area for their whole-hearted response to our "Early Mailing Campaign."

Although our staff and equipment had been geared for the annual avalanche of mail, the ultimate success of the Christmas operation was due to the wonderful co-operation of the local citizens.

We would also like to extend a special "Thank you" to the local newspapers and radio stations, whose assistance did much to convey to the mailing public the annual appeal to "Mail Early."

Now that our annual test is all but completed, we would like to extend to every one sincere Good Wishes for a Happy New Year.

R. F. REID,
Postmaster.

OUT OF FOCUS?

Lest our righteous indignation runs out of focus in judging the clownish performances of the traveling Russian diplomats, let's stop for a moment and make a New Year's resolution: never again to teach those Russians to sanctify questionable means to achieve worse ends, as we have done in the past.

In First World War Czarist Russia fought with us to make the world safe for democracy when the very word "democracy" brought a one-way ticket to Siberia. But we knew and Sazonoff and Iswolski knew that this time the prize was Constantinople, to be given to Czarist Russia under a signed and sealed contract.

Still more versatile were the Bolsheviks: they fought with Hitler to tear down the Polish frontiers and then came over to us to fight for their preservation and the "Four Freedoms" to boot. Enlisting Russian and Pan-Slavic expansionism, combining it with ideological internationalism or Marxist Communism, they called the masses to class warfare, enslaved their satellite neighbors and now promise to liberate peoples in distant lands.

In the recent editorial in this journal there was a heroic though absurd history of Czechoslovakia as an introduction to the activities of an organization called The Czech Foreign Institute in Exile (sic)—advancing this priceless plan: "Since the U.S.S.R. would agree to the unification of Germany only under the condition of its neutralization, the Western Powers should in exchange for this concession . . ."

With brazen impudence, we are asked to accept as a fait accompli the very calamity the West has feared and fought against: nationalism, no doubt to enable Soviet Russia to swallow all of Central Europe the way we prepared Austria-Hungary in convenient morsels for them.

The writer's warning comments about Czechoslovakia—from the savage expulsion of the minorities, the infamous treason trials (which appeared under the heading from 14 Points to 14 Victims), the recent invitation to the natives to return, which was published in Ottawa journals—have never met with any but approving criticism.

But now a new belligerent cell seems to have come alive and one Jan Zach advances assertions of an indoctrinated variety which preclude any rational discussion.

The second contestant, Dr. Vladimír Krajina, Associate Professor UBC, avoids dealing with cold facts and figures, relying mainly upon the effect of repeating

SOOKE SOURDOUGHS'

To old-time prospectors, even to those of us who are not exactly "forty-niners," the colorful story of the "Sooke Sourdoughs," by Pete Loudon in The Times of Dec. 20, makes particularly good reading. Mr. Berod, the promoter of the group, the young sourdoughs themselves, and others associated with it, are to be congratulated on their part in the enterprise.

Exemplifying the real spirit of adventure, the project, with its tang of risk—it's lure—might well be copied and even expanded here and in any country where gold or other precious metals or diamonds are found or liable to be found. Incidentally, the diamond prospector with his sieve uses an entirely different method of "gravitation" to the panning of gold.

In modern times, when innate craving for adventure, search and research finds little room for expression with our teenagers, the idea, even the prospect of such an opportunity to do something—he somebody—should surely help to fill in a big, dangerous gap in their lives and the lives of some grown-ups too. It might prove to be something of a challenge to their latent spirit of enterprise, initiative, resourcefulness.

JOHN McNAUGHTON,

Deep Cove.

LIKED THAT BLUSH.

I certainly appreciated that lead editorial (Mr. Benson's Blush) dealing in first class and forthright fashion with the kind of competition which Canada must meet in the grain markets of the world, from a concerted system of American dumping."

When Agriculture Secretary (Ezra Taft Benson) was at Regina and Calgary to address farm gatherings last summer, I recall his reported assurance that, while U.S. wheat surplus disposal technique was likely to be "stepped up," the increasing competition in the global wheat market will be "always by fair means." Apparently this latter is a rather elastic phrase; because, in my book at any rate, there is a wide chasm between the above assurance and the "marketing" of 150 million bushels of U.S. bread-grain at give-away valuations, reportedly costing the Commodity Credit Corporation—namely, the U.S. Treasury—an upward jump in the cost of the grain and the terms of its "sale?"

At any rate, I find it very heartening to read your effective reminder beamed at the American people as to "what their farm policy is doing to their closest friend and best customer."

The above editorial certainly accented what one of the prairie farm leaders must have had in mind, when he assured Mr. Benson that he had little doubt that Canada could compete in the world market on a basis of normal trading and quality wheat; adding the significant proviso "But we cannot compete with your Treasury!" (W. J. Parker, Winnipeg).

FAIR PLAY.

THE OTTAWA SCENE

By VICTOR MACKIE

Minister on Tour

NO sooner was External Affairs Minister Pearson back in Ottawa after his tour of Russia and Southeast Asia than he was off to New York to attend sessions of the United Nations Assembly. Then it was back to Ottawa to take off for Paris to participate in the ministerial council meetings of NATO.

He has been the most travelled member of the federal cabinet for the year just closing. He flew 60,500 miles by air during the past 12 months, travelling 9,000 by train and in all crossed the

They Still Are Canadians

LONDON—Last night at a party I bumped into a Canadian who lives in London and whom I know quite well. He is head of the London branch of a Canadian firm. In the course of conversation he mentioned that he had been in England eight years and had not been back in Canada in that time.

The fact that he had been here eight years came as a surprise to me. Any one meeting him for the first time would have sworn that he had just arrived. Everything about him was so Canadian—his clothes; his way of speech, the things he talked about.

When an Englishman present used the expression "to go for a Burton" I was a trifle bewildered when this Canadian asked what it meant. To live here eight years and not know an expression as common as that is strange, to say the least.

"Go for a Burton" is the equivalent of "come a cropper," which means to fall headlong.

At the party were several other Canadians and I noticed that he spent practically the whole evening with them. They discussed the recent Grey Cup final, the proposed changes in Ontario's liquor laws and tidbits from the various home towns of each of them. There were numerous well-known people present, each well worth having a chat to. But he preferred to talk Canadians with his fellow-countrymen.

I could not help reflecting that here was a man all too typical of Canadians living in this country. At his office, when he decides to ask someone to join him at lunch, he phones up, almost without exception, another

Reyburn

YOUR HEALTH

By DR. WALTER C. ALVAREZ

Dizziness and Ear Noises

Dr. Alvarez is Emeritus Consultant in Medicine, Mayo Clinic and Emeritus Professor of Medicine, Mayo Foundation.



HUNDREDS of men and women, usually past middle age, ask me what to do for dizziness and/or ear noises. Most of them say they have had much treatment for a year or more, and still they are no better. Many have been told that they have Meniere's disease, but a little inquiry shows that they probably haven't that. More probably they have had a plugging-up of a little artery in the brain.

In Meniere's syndrome (group of symptoms) a middle-aged person will suddenly begin to suffer from short spells in which the world will seem to be spinning around. With this, there may be nausea and vomiting and perhaps some ear noises. Usually, before long, there is some loss of hearing in one ear. A good ear man, perhaps by injecting warm water into the external ear, will show that the disease is in the membrane lining the inner ear. Dr. Lempert is convinced that the trouble in these cases is due to a crop of tiny blisters on the membrane, something like "fever sores" on a lip. Other ear men have different theories.

I should explain here that there are three main parts to the hearing mechanism: The external ear that leads to the drum; the middle ear which contains three tiny bones that serve as a lever to carry the sound waves from the drum to the "oval window" which leads into the inner ear; and the inner ear, which consists of a sort of zylophone that perceives sounds, and a balancing mechanism, with three fluid levels, that tell us whether we are lying down or standing up.

The middle ear is connected by the Eustachian tube to the throat so that, when we swallow, the air pressures on the two sides of the ear drum are equalized.

SPELLS OFTEN STOP

We haven't any really good treatment for Meniere's disease. Fortunately, in many cases, after months the spells stop coming. Doctors usually try a salt-poor diet, nicotinic acid, which for a few minutes causes an increased flow of blood to the head; and histamine, the mode of action of which is not clear.

In rare cases in which the disease becomes unbearable, the inner ear is destroyed surgically, but this, of course, will produce complete deafness on the one side. Fortunately, Meniere's syndrome is almost always due to disease in only one ear.

As I said, persons well past middle age

man like himself—a Canadian working in London. When one goes to a party at his flat one can be sure that the guest list will be 100 per cent Canadian and a tape recording of the conversation would sound to all intents and purposes like one made at a party in a Toronto or Vancouver suburb.

When he does come in contact with English people he is completely at sea if the chatting gets onto the subject of England's cricket prospects against Australia in the coming summer or any other such terribly important (to the English) topic.

It astounds me how a man can live day in and day out for eight years in England and have so little of it rub off on his shoulders. If he were an isolated case, one would just write him off as a very insular type. But he is not a rarity.

A Canadian woman who has lived here five years told me proudly how she was no longer able to shop in her district because she had had a series of rows at her local shops in which she had told off good and proper "these cheating, double-crossing English shopkeepers."

* * *

I feel it is a conscious effort on the part of that man, the woman and too many of the so-called Canadian colony here to not let themselves become part of the way of life in this country. Though having lived here many years, in public they continue to stress their Canadianism by such tiresome antics as complaining about the lack of ice in drinks and in private they prefer only the company of fellow-Canadians.

Whenever I hear loudly-voiced annoyance from Canada about English people settled there who appear to stress their Englishness, I remember that Canadians here go in for the same thing in reverse. But I hear no holler from the English. They seem to be more understanding about such things.



U.S. INFORMS CANADA OF NEW SURPLUS SALES

WASHINGTON (Reuters)—The United States Tuesday informed representatives of Canada, New Zealand, Denmark, Australia, Sweden and Holland of new steps to be taken in the American farm surplus disposal program.

Observers noted that all countries represented at a special conference in the state department were large producers and exporters of dairy products.

It was understood that the United States, through Thorsten Kalijarvi, the acting deputy under-secretary of state, gave them advance information about intended dairy disposals, primarily affecting butter and cheese.

HOME GARDEN By HILDA BEASTALL

Hardy Bulbs Stand Up to Reputation

It was Christmas Day before we found the leisure to make the seasonal tour of the garden to find what plants were coming through.

Usually on Christmas Day many are pushing their green shoots through the wet soil, but this year we weren't sure about anything after the setback in November.

However, the hardy bulbs are living up to their reputation for hardiness. The new tips of the winter-flowering crocus were showing. These may flower a little later than usual this year. Most years Cancyrensis is making its display of golden goblets by mid-January, carrying on until late February.

The winter flowering Iris reticulata was noticed poking its blunt nose into the world, and it was with great delight I saw that not all the buds on Daphne mezereum had been spoiled by frost. So my scheme of lilac-blue dwarf iris and the pink-mauve daphne in late February may even yet materialize.

A spring flower among the shrubs which I shall try bringing into bloom during January indoors is Cyrtisus praecox. Its flower buds appeared undamaged, and look most promising. It should respond when cut to humidity and warmth indoors.

Over in the long rows of cutting daffodils, the earliest to flower with us is Narcissus Magnificense, a good gold trumpet. As reliable as ever, Christmas Day found the tips of green pushing through.

With the already lengthening days there is much hope in the world!

Canadian Stocks Yielding Wealth to College Youths

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—A 19-year-old Dallas youth and his roommate at college are making a profitable hobby out of the Canadian stock market—they're run their \$4,000 investment into a \$23,000 enterprise in the last few months.

Thousands of elderly persons who complain of an uncertain sense of balance together with ear noises have a high blood pressure, which may well have something to do with the distresses in the head. In their case, some lowering of the pressure, perhaps with a rauwolfia drug, may bring some comfort. When there has been a tiny stroke there may be little that can be accomplished with treatment because a bit of tissue has been destroyed and it cannot be built back. Many persons have to settle down to get used to their ear noises and their uncertain sense of balance. If I had such troubles I doubt if I would take any medicine or attempt any treatment. I certainly would not spend money travelling about the country in search of relief.

Roger Coley, son of a Western Union employee in Dallas, went to Yale University to study chemistry, but after he started rooming with Dick Manoogian of Detroit, an economics major, and the two began their Canadian stock operations, the Texan switched to economics.

Coley, now home for the Christmas holidays, said Dick's father, a lawyer, helped them organize Manoogian Enterprises Ltd. While their Canadian charter allows the company to enter almost any field of activity, the two students have concentrated on the buying and selling of mining and petroleum stocks on the Toronto stock market.

In their room at Yale, the two keep some 1,200 graphs on Canadian stocks and closely follow some 300 to 400 listings.

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Duncan UIC Notes Shortage of Jobs

DUNCAN—In sharp contrast to December in 1953 and 1954, when almost maximum employment was experienced, this year December has produced "very unsettled employment conditions," according to R. S. Robinson, manager of the Duncan office of the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

Most logging operations have been closed throughout the month while in the remainder there have been repeated closures because of weather conditions.

However, the four major sawmills in the area have been working steadily, although it is reported one is threatened with a log shortage.

Activity has slackened in the construction industry with most projects nearing completion for the season. Adverse weather has accentuated unemployment in construction and as a result most workers now are unemployed or working short time.

NO RELIEF SEEN

The combined result of inactivity in logging and construction is that the total of work applicants is more than double the number registered in December, 1954, Mr. Robinson reported.

From 700 to 800 men have been unemployed continuously through-

Herring Catch Shows Decline

British Columbia's herring catch to date is the lowest since 1949, according to the federal department of fisheries.

By December 17 only 94,776 tons had been taken. Previous low in the seven-year period was 96,568 tons in 1949, and peak year was 1953, when the total catch to December 19 was 144,387 tons.

Utilization of this year's pack was as follows: fresh, 112 tons; frozen, 373 tons; herring meal, 15,923 tons; herring oil, 1,930,248 gallons. Figures were not available for salted or canned herring.

AROUND AND ABOUT

With Jo Healy

CAYCUSE—From the hearth of the well-appointed room high above the downtown street, the firelight glow flickered from the brass andirons and glanced along the legs of the bearded man as they stretched their somnolent length towards the brazier of warmth.

He stirred slightly in the easy chair, spoke in tones of weary disillusion.

"I am, after all, 55. One can't arrive at such a conclusive figure and forego a feeling of deepest pessimism. I've seen so much—nations in mortal strife one with the other, leaders confused and suspect, strife and mayhem dominating the world . . ."

"Mmm-m," murmured the other absently, and his bland, dreamy gaze locked the fiercer eyes with their gentle star. "I am 36, yet I see only the beginning of life. A vast resurgence of hope from a people beaten to their knees by the adversity that you have seen."

"It is said," and he leaned toward the other with an intensity that belied the innocence of rounded dimpled features and hairless brow, "that what goes up must come down. Reverse, with logic, the proven axiom, and you will find that man, having reached his lowest ebb . . . having, in a manner of speaking, hit bedrock in his grapple with life, must, by natural law, commence a sure ascent to a larger understanding . . ."

"Fool!" cried the greybeard, springing to his feet and glowering with scornful wrath on the small plump figure curled deep in the opposite chair. "Delude yourself no longer. Know that what I say is true. The world is doomed by its pseudo genius; by its meddling with nature's resources."

For an instant a flash of anger erased the benignity of the other's smile. Roused from a drowsy lethargy by the rasping denunciation, he raised a hand in warning protest.

"Come, come, old boy, your age is showing," he chuckled, calmly keeping the heat of the discussion below fever pitch. "Your gloom has become an anachronism."

The tone that had erstwhile dominated the sweet treble deepened with a new note of authority.

"I am the New Year! Have done, old man. You're finished. I represent the youth of the world, and they'll have, through me, their chance."

The shocking thunder of the voice propelled the older through the door to fade into the gray dawn of the new day.

"Off with the old, on with the new," the young year murmured. "A fresh start . . . youth . . . optimism, and 365 days to accomplish a modern millennium."

LUXURY YACHTS OR HERRING BUSES

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Grants SCOTCH WHISKY

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YOUNG LEGISLATORS LAUNCH SESSION

Members of a parliament for young men, these four boys belong to the Older Boys' Parliament, now in session in Victoria. They are, left to right,

Doug Norman, Vancouver, premier; Ken Lamb, Vancouver, speaker; Edwin Chow, Duncan, MLA; and Norm Wilkinson, Victoria, MLA. (Times photo.)

Older Boys' Parliament Opened In B.C. Legislative Chambers

William J. Bell, Vancouver, opened the 25th Old Boys' Parliament in government legislative chambers Tuesday night and gave the "speech from the throne."

Acting as the group's lieutenant-governor, he told the assembly he hoped the parliament would be reflected in an increased effort in "Christ-centred boys' work in the respective districts."

Work of the parliament, he said, is just a beginning, and it remains for the boys who attend it to implement policies settled in session through their home constituencies.

Also outlined was the work of the week's session, which sits at 2:30 and 8 p.m. daily until Friday and is open to the public.

Groups such as Tuxis, Boy Scouts, Young People's, YMCA and Sunday schools comprise the parliament, organized 31 years ago.

Seven Vancouver Island boys, including four from Victoria, are members. From the city are Gary MacDonald, Norm Wilkinson, David Leeming and Graham Garman. From the Island are Edwin Chow, Duncan, David Dunn, Nanaimo, and John Sutton, Courtenay. Willard Ireland, provincial archivist, is in charge of arrangements.

SLEEP, FOOD, NO MIXED DRINKS

Head of Bartenders' School Tells How to Duck Hangover

By JOHN BONING
President of the Bartenders School Inc.

NEW YORK (UP)—A hangover? I've never had one in my life.

And let me tell you, I like to celebrate New Year's Eve just like the next guy.

I've been tending bar for 45 years and as I see it, the reason most drinkers wind up with New Year's Day hangovers is that their approach is, if I may use the word, cock-eyed. They don't know how to prepare for the big occasion, what to drink or even how to drink. Some drinkers are even foolish enough to take their cars out with them.

Actually, preparing for New Year's Eve is pretty simple. The first rule is to get some rest before you go out—you have the whole evening ahead of you, so try to take a nap of an hour or two before you start any celebrating.

What you eat for dinner is pretty important, too. Treat yourself to a good, heavy meal—steak is probably the best, with all the trimmings. The more you fill your stomach up with good nourishing food, the better able your stomach will be to absorb the alcohol you pour down yourself.

Next, there's the drinking. As far as I'm concerned, I like to drink champagne. The second best, I think, is Scotch and water. But any good whisky with plain water should keep you from getting sick.

DON'T MIX DRINKS

There are three good rules to remember in drinking. One,

stay away from sweet mixes. Two, stay away from sweet, complicated drinks. And third, don't mix your drinks—that's a certain way to wind up sick.

Eat while you are drinking. It slows down the guzzling. As a matter of fact, if you guzzle just for the sake of getting loaded on New Year's Eve just like you're foolish—not only because you're not showing much appreciation for good liquor.

Dancing is a good idea too, while you're celebrating. It helps you burn off the alcohol and, like eating, slows down the guzzling.

Knowing when to stop is one of the most important rules to observe. There's no hard and fast rule for this—some people should stop after two drinks, some can polish off a dozen drinks without showing it.

But there are some danger signs. If you're the silent type who suddenly starts talking a lot, it's time to stop. If you're a talker and suddenly go silent, it's time to stop.

I've seen all kinds of drunks in my years of tending bar—there are the singers and the table-hoppers, there are the bottle throwers and the arguers, and there are the kissing bugs.

All of them are people who just don't know when to stop.

HARVEY'S

SHERRIES & PORTS

Famous for over 150 years
Sherries | Port
"Shooting" | "Hunting"
"Merienda" | "Bristol Cream"
By appointment Wine Merchant to His Late Majesty King George VI

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WILL EDMONTON GO METROPOLITAN?



Jasper Ave. 1882

Model of new City Hall contrasts with pioneer town which was Edmonton's beginning.

Edmonton's rapid growth and expectation of close to four hundred thousand population by 1962 poses a difficult problem in civic finance. Is amalgamation to embrace rich industrial suburbs the answer and can it be accomplished? A feature article in this week's Star Weekly tells the story of the Oil City's growth and the problems it presents to municipal authorities.

Bailed Out at Supersonic Speed

This week's Star Weekly tells the story of the first airplane pilot to bail out at supersonic speed—770 miles an hour. It's a thrilling chapter from the story of this amazing age of flight.

Can a Peer Renounce His Title?

A peer cannot sit in the House of Commons. So Anthony Wedgwood Benn, M.P. for S.E. Bristol seeks the right to renounce his title. It raises a legal question. Read the story. It's entitled "I Don't Want to be a Lord."



This week's Roto Section has a full page serial photo of the City of Vancouver reproduced in color.

Star Weekly



Wonderful Bargain in Velvet Skirts

Outstanding value in a stand-out fashion. This is your opportunity to buy one of our wonderful evening skirts, beautifully hand-tailored "no idle boast" \$11.98 for this either, in rich, supple imported velvet. Reg. \$19.95. For . . .

Your Choice of Luxury or Walking Sheer

NYLONS

60-gauge, 15-denier.
66-gauge, 15-denier.
Reg. \$1.50

The kind of sheer, transparent stockings every woman wears when she wants to look the siren . . . stockings whose strength belies their fragile look . . . whose slim panel heels, dark seams and dainty tops are deliberately designed for flattery. Products of a VERY famous maker . . . in fetching shades. Sizes 8½ to 11.

Beautiful Evening Flowers from France

Add a touch of sophistication to your ensemble. Beautiful imported evening flowers that will be the subtle touch of glamour. Limited quantity only.

Reg. to \$3.95

98¢ to \$1.98

For the Big Night Sparkling Costume Jewelry

Designed to capture the glow of the evening. Their dazzling beauty will long be remembered. Necklaces, wrist hugging bracelets, and earrings in a wide variety of styles, button and novelty styles, all greatly reduced to clear.

Reg. to \$1.50 Reg. to \$1.95 Reg. to \$2.95

69¢ 98¢ \$1.79

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Bell Ringer
Values...



RING IN THE NEW...

RING OUT THE OLD!

SAFEWAY'S YEAR-END SALE!

Cigarettes

All popular brands, carton of 200.....	\$2.95
Filter Tip, carton of 200.....	\$2.95
Vogue or Daily Mail, carton of 200.....	\$2.65

PARTY PRIDE	
Ice Cream	
HOLIDAY FRUIT BRICK AND ASSORTED FLAVORS	
PINT BRICK.....	24c

FRENCH'S	
Prepared Mustard	16-oz. jar.....
Worcester Sauce	5-oz. bottle.....
GOOD LUCK	

Margarine	
Top Quality, 1-lb. package	

Nob Hill Coffee

Rich, Aromatic Flavor . . . Ground Fresh	
1-lb. pkg. 99c	2-lb. \$1.96 pkg.

Canterbury	
Orange Pekoe	TEA

Refreshing, Invigorating,	
1-lb. pkg.	\$1.29

EMPEROR PURE Marmalade	
Seville Orange	
4 lb. tin	63c

FRESH BREAD

Stock up for the holidays. White or brown wrapped loaf.

16-oz. loaf.....	2 for 25c
24-oz. loaf.....	2 for 35c

David's Biscuits

ASSORTED
VARIETIES,
16-oz. pkg.

35c

These features are just a few of the many you'll find ready for you at Safeway — Why not get your party shopping done now?

Welcome your new year with savings! With BIG savings...during our store-wide event! There are year-end savings for you in canned foods...in frozen foods...in meats and produce...savings on nearly every shelf in the store. And of course in party foods! Wishing you a truly happy New Year.

Party Foods

Shrimps	Gold Seal Cocktail, 5-oz. tin.....	46c
Ripe Olives	Ebony, Large, Unpitted, 16-oz. tin.....	32c
Dill Pickles	Nalley's Garlic, 69-oz. jar.....	79c
Stuffed Olives	Rose, 12-oz. jar.....	65c
Fancy Lobster	Savoy, 5-oz. tin.....	92c
Potato Chips	Nalley's, Fresh, 7-oz. pkg.	35c
Ritz Biscuits	Christie's, 8-oz. pkg.	20c
Soda Crackers	Superior Oven-Fresh, 16-oz. pkg.	29c
Smoked Oysters	Sea Lode, 4-oz. tin.....	28c

Pineapple

Typhone, Fancy Tid Bits,
20-oz. tin.....

2 for 51c

Cake Mixes

Little Dipper, White, Chocolate,
Ginger and Spice, 15-oz. pkg.

2 for 45c

Medium Cheese

Berkshire Ontario
Cheddar, lb.

57c

Fruit Salad

Taste Tells, Choice,
15-oz. tin.....

2 for 49c

Mixed Pickles

Rose, Sweet Mix,
16-oz. jar.....

41c

Canned Vegetables	
Asparagus Tips	Penthouse Fancy, 12-oz. tin.....
Cream Corn	40c
Country Home Fancy	2 for 31c
Mixed Vegetables	2 for 35c
Fancy Pumpkin	2 for 39c
Harvest Moon	28-oz. tin.....

Canned Juices	
Tomato Juice	Libby's Fancy, 48-oz. tin.....
V-8 Vegetable Juice	20-oz. tin.....
Tomato Juice Cocktail	Aymer, 20-oz. tin.....

Nuts and Candy

Party Mixed Nuts	Pinefree Salted, 8-oz. pkg.	43c
Mixed Nuts	In Shell . . . Good Assortment, 1-lb. pkg.	49c
Walnuts	In Shell . . . Long Baby, 1-lb. pkg.	49c
Licorice Allsorts	Tower . . . Fresh, 3-lb. pkg.	\$1.05
Chocolate Creams	Bond's, 1/2-lb. pkg.	35c
Chocolates	Lowney's Fifth Avenue, 1-lb. box.....	89c
Petite O'Henry	Lowney's, 10-oz. pkg.	49c
Mixed Candy	Bright Tasty, 1-lb. pkg.	35c

Beverages and Mixers

Soft Drinks	In Handy-to-Carry Cartons.....	6	bottles	36c
Sparkling Water	Canada Dry, 20-oz. bottle.....	25c		
Tom Collins Mix	Canada Dry, 20-oz. bottle.....	30c		
Club Soda	26-oz. bottle, Canada Dry, 20-oz. bottle.....	15c		
Ginger Ale	26-oz. bottle, Canada Dry, 20-oz. bottle.....	30c		

Frozen Foods

Green Peas	Delnor, 12-oz. pkg.	24c
Strawberries	Delnor, 15-oz. pkg.	39c
Orange Juice	Old South, Frozen, 6-oz. tins.....	2 for 35c

Gurds

Ginger Ale

19c

Margarine	Quarete, Economically Priced, 1-lb. package.....	2 for 59c
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Prices Effective December 29, 30, 31 in Greater Victoria Area

★ STORE HOURS ★

Wednesday and Thursday, December 28th and 29th, open till 5:30 p.m. Friday open until 9:00 p.m. for all items including MEAT—Saturday, regular hours.





Make your New Year's dinner
a wonderful success with
a Grade "A" Turkey from Safeway

Grade "A" TURKEYS

Hen

TURKEYS

Oven-Ready . . . Just Add Stuffing

Average 11 to 16 lbs.,

Grade "A" lb. 69c

Fully-Drawn

TOMS

Oven-Ready . . . No Mess . . . No Fuss

Average 16 lbs. and Over,

Grade "A" lb. 62c

Oven-Ready

BELTSVILLE

Hen Turkeys . . . Fully Drawn

Under 11 lbs.,

Grade "A" lb. 72c

Tenderized

Smoked HamsNorth Star, Swift's Premium, Burns' Shamrock,
Maple Leaf. 3/4 Skinned and
Defatted . . . Whole, Half or Quartered.
lb. 55c**Fully Cooked
Ready-to-Eat Hams**North Star, Swift's Premium,
Burns' Shamrock, Maple Leaf.
Whole, Half or Quartered.
lb. 57c

Boned and Rolled

Smoked HamsNorth Star, Swift's Premium, Burns' Shamrock
and Maple Leaf

End Cuts, lb. 72c Centre Cuts, lb. 82c

Tenderized

Cottage RollsSmoked, Delicious Served
Hot or Cold . . . lb. 55c**Kamloops Beef Show**

Here again is your opportunity to enjoy top quality Show Beef from the Fat Stock Show and Sale held in Kamloops. This week we are offering properly aged hindquarter cuts. Enjoy some for your holiday meals.

SteaksSirloin, T-Bone or Club,
Kamloops Show Beef, lb.

85c

Round Steak or RoastBeef, Kamloops
Show Beef, lb.

72c

Rump Roast BeefAll Cuts, Kamloops
Show Beef, lb.

72c

Sirloin Tip RoastBeef, Kamloops
Show Beef, lb.

89c

Standing Rib RoastBeef, Kamloops
Show Beef, lb.

72c

**Fully-Drawn
Geese**

Average 10 to 12 lbs.

Grade "A" lb. 69c

**Roasting
Chicken**

Fully Drawn, Average 4 lbs.

Grade "A" lb. 79c

**Fully-Drawn
Ducks**

Average 3 1/2 to 4 lbs.

Grade "A" lb. 69c

**Fully-Drawn
Fowl**

Average 4 to 6 lbs.

Grade "A" lb. 59c

Vancouver Fancy Sausage

All Safeway stores carry a full selection of Vancouver Fancy Sausage for holiday entertaining, and every day good eating. Choose your favorites from the selection below.

Fine Liver Sausage, Garlic Rings, Truffle Liver Sausage, Thuringia Liver Sausage, Summer Sausage, Hunter's Sausage, Beer Sausage, Metwurst, Ukrainian Sausage, Swiss Salami, Dry Salami, Appetizers, Smoked Polish, Ham Sausage, Pepperoni, Dry Sticks.

COCKTAIL SAUSAGE Economy, 1-lb. package 59c**SAUSAGE MEAT** Pure Pork, 1-lb. cello 35c**SALAMI CHUBS** Burns', each 47c**LIVER SAUSAGE CHUBS** Burns', each 35c**GARLIC SAUSAGE CHUBS** Burns', each 39c**Safeway's the Best Place to Buy
FRESH FRUITS and VEGETABLES**

The wonderful fresh flavor of vegetables and fruits is the result of our expert buyers selecting only produce they know will be good eating. Proper handling and care at the store insure freshness and quality that guarantee satisfaction every time.

Cranberries Late Howe, Fresh, Plump Berries, 16-oz. carton 35c**Cauliflower** Imported, Fresh Snowwhite heads, Delicious with cheese sauce, lb. 19c**Sweet Potatoes** California, Delicious Baked, Boiled or Glazed 2 lbs. 39c**Broccoli** California, light green heads, lb. 25c**Crisp Celery** California, Fresh, Green Stalks, lb. 11c**Mandarin Oranges** Sweet, juicy, easy to peel 2 boxes \$2.95**Grapefruit** Florida White or Ruby, size 96s 2 lbs. 23c**Red Emperor Grapes** Delicious table grapes 2 lbs. 33c**No. 1 Bananas** Golden ripe, fine quality 2 lbs. 43c**Limes** California, 12-oz. package 39c**Head Lettuce** Imported, fresh, crisp heads, lb. 21c**Field Tomatoes** Imported, red-ripe for slicing or salads, 14-oz. carton 19c**Topped Carrots** Imported, crunchy, crisp 2 lbs. 33c**Green Onions** California, add flavor to salads, bunch 2 for 21c**Radishes** California, in cello package 2 for 27c

We reserve the right to limit quantities.

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HE GIVES AWAY GRAND PRIZES

Is there something you want to know? Do you want to win a set of valuable books? Then ask Andy.

Andy who is a pixie, not a person, will answer two questions daily submitted by children readers of Canada and the U.S. Children who submit the questions he selects to answer will receive as prizes, for the main question, either a copy of "The American People's Encyclopedia," or a volume of "The American People's Encyclopedia." Prizes for the secondary question will be an "American People's Encyclopedia Year Book" or a year's subscription to "Treasure Trails" plus "Andy's Everyday Encyclopedia."

Address your questions to "Ask Andy," Victoria Daily Times, Victoria.

Andy sends a complete 20-volume set of "The American People's Encyclopedia" to John Barkett, aged 12, of Miami, Okla., for his question:

What Causes Radioactivity?

Sixty years ago, scientists were just about certain that nothing could change an atom. An atom of iron, like every other atom of iron, stayed that way for all eternity. An atom of gold, the smallest possible particle of gold, remained what it was. For the most part, this is true. But certain atoms were discovered which did not stay as they were. Far from it.

The first hint came with the discovery of uranium. This strange ore was constantly shooting forth strange rays. Then radium was purified from pitchblende, an ore of uranium. Certainly the atoms of radium were up to something unusual: Radium was over a million times more radioactive than ordinary uranium. Slowly, surely and with great to-do, its atoms were changing into atoms of lead.

So the old idea that an atom cannot change was tossed aside. Certain atoms since time on earth began have been busy changing themselves into atoms of something else. It was calculated that the change is taken in easy stages over billions of years. In four and a half billion years, half of any lump of ordinary uranium will become lead. In the meantime, the changing atoms have passed through 14 different stages.

There are a limited number of different atoms and they come in different sizes. The uranium is one of the big ones. Its central core contains 238 proton and neutron particles. We do not know for sure what causes an atom to be radioactive. But we call them unstable atoms. For some reason they seem unable to hold the balance which keeps an ordinary atom whole. A number of radioactive atoms have been discovered in the past 60 years. All of them are large atoms. It may be that atoms of over a certain size are just too big to hold their particles together.

What's more, each atom in a chain of radioactivity is smaller than the one before it. The big atom breaks apart by shooting off tiny particles. It releases tremendous energy as it does so. Experiments show that there are three types of rays shooting

out from a radioactive substance.

One stream of particles shoots out at the rate of 20,000 miles a second. It is made of alpha particles. These are sizable particles as large as helium atoms. Beta particles are thousands of times smaller. However, they travel almost at the speed of light. Their charge is about half that of the alpha particles. Also rushing forth from the radioactive substance are gamma particles.

Each time one of these minute particles leaves an atom, that atom becomes an atom of something else. No one can change or stop the process of radioactivity. In 1620 years, half the present supply of radium will be lead. This lead is made of staple atoms and is radioactive no longer. In nature many radioactive substances exist in rocks and ores. There they are safe from any damage to the world. After all, 10 tons of the very best pitchblende yield only one tiny gram of precious radium.

Andy sends a year's subscription to "Treasure Trails" to Ronnie Norris, aged 8, of LaPorte, Texas for his question:

Is there really such a bird as the road runner?

Yes, indeed, there is a bird called the road runner. And a very fascinating, useful fellow he is. He is a native of Texas and the southwest. He is a sizable bird. Including his tail he measures two feet long. He is a scrappy fellow, afraid of nothing.

Driving in a car, you may see him sprinting along a desert road. He can run at 15 miles an hour. He does not fly but he uses his wings to help him in his fastest sprints.

The road runner is most famous as a killer of rattlers. This he does with great skill and courage. He dodges the thrust as the snake strikes. Time after time he goads the snake into striking for nothing. This agile game keeps up until the rattler is all worn out.

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OUT OUR WAY



ACROSS

1 Video comic.

2 Johnny.

3 He can be seen on a television

4 Small space

5 Television show

6 Buyer

7 Prize

8 Line

9 Bee

10 Burness wood

11 Spruce

12 Gilt

13 Went by boat

14 Teeter

15 Delicate smell

16 Amphitheatre

17 Run of race

18 Rain with resin

19 Hurl again

20 Archibald

21 Her

22 Slight bow

23 Name

24 Bridge holding

25 Click-beetle

26 Most unusual

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Quebec Will Get Newsprint Control

'Industry Wants the Law . . . It Shall Have It' . . . Duplessis

QUEBEC CITY (BUP)—Premier Maurice Duplessis said today he would press his newsprint control bill as soon as the legislature reconvenes Jan. 10.

"The newsprint industry has shown it wants the law—it shall have it," the premier told a delegation of the Catholic Union of Farmers.

"I have tried everything to make some of these men of the newsprint industry understand reason and they seem bent on going ahead with their plans."

He was referring to an

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Speeders Get Even

EL CAJON, Calif. (AP)—A policeman was convicted Tuesday of littering the highway with carbon papers from two speeding tickets he had written.

The complaining witnesses were, naturally, the two motorcyclists who got the tickets.

Fined \$25 and \$15 of it suspended was officer R. B. Pressing. He had ticketed L. H. Harris, 20, and Leslie Moore, 23, for speeding.

They said they left the scene and returned, found the carbons and decided to make a citizen's arrest charging littering. Pressing pleaded not guilty but the carbons were submitted in evidence. Municipal Judge Fenton Garfield found the officer guilty.

Harris and Moore already had paid fines of \$11 for speeding.

NEW YORK (AP)—A poetic postman decided Tuesday night to collect his \$16,000 in television earnings and not attempt to double the amount. Roscoe C. Wright, 54, of New York City said on CBS' "The \$64,000 Question" that the decision was the "biggest" of his life. His quiz category has been poetry.



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how good
can a
good.
rum be?



COLUMBUS
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is the answer!

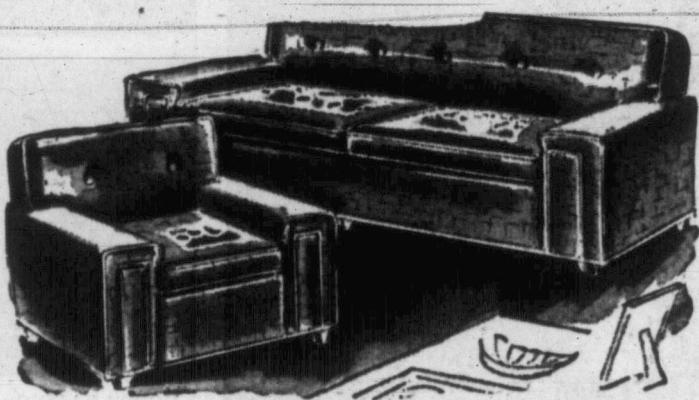
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BED DAVENPORT SUITES — OCCASIONAL CHAIRS
LARGE LOUNGE CHAIRS — HYD-A-BEDS — ALL BRAND NEW

HERE'S THE STORY—3 leading manufacturers co-operated with us to make this great event possible. They sold us all their 1955 showroom sample suites at a terrific reduction and we're passing these savings along to you. YOU CAN ACTUALLY SAVE UP TO 50%—BUT HURRY—AND REMEMBER—110 WEEKS TO PAY!



2-Piece Full Coil Spring Chesterfields

Beautiful fabrics in rose, toast, persimmon and green.

Reg. \$199.00
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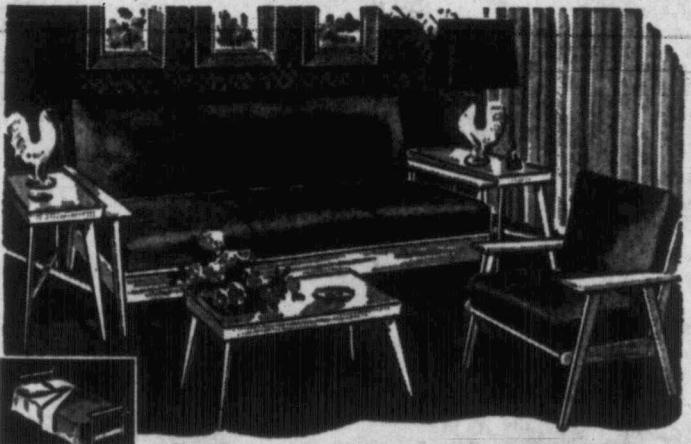
2-Piece Modern Sectional Suites

Spring backs, spring seats, guaranteed under-construction, reversible cushions.

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SHOWROOM
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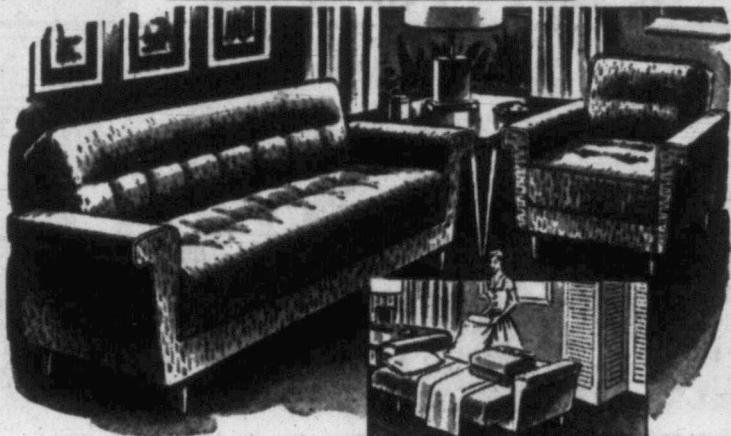


2-Piece Bed Davenport Set with Arms

Double spring construction. A chesterfield by day—a bed by night, with matching chair.

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SHOWROOM SAMPLE PRICE

\$49⁵⁰



2-Piece Bed Davenport Suites

With double spring construction. Heavy frieze and tapestry covers in rose, green, wine, toast. ALL WITH DIFFERENT STYLE ARMS.

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2-Pce. Chesterfield, Bark Toast	\$265.00	*179.50
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Pictorial Round-Up of 1955 Sport Thrills and Highlights



VICTORIA SHAMROCKS loomed largest on the city's sports scene in 1955 by winning, for the first time, the Mann Cup and Canadian senior lacrosse championship. Here the Irish whoop it up after defeating Peterborough Trailermen, 17-9, on Sept. 21 at Memorial Arena to win the best-of-seven final, four games to one.



ALBERNI ATHLETICS rocketed to the 1955 Canadian basketball championship last March, defeating Sault Ste. Marie Gunners in three straight games at Alberni. Here team presi-

dent John Williamson, left, playing-coach Elmer Speidel and manager Fred Bishop admire the Montreal Sportsmen's Trophy, symbol of the Canadian championship. (Flett Studios photo)

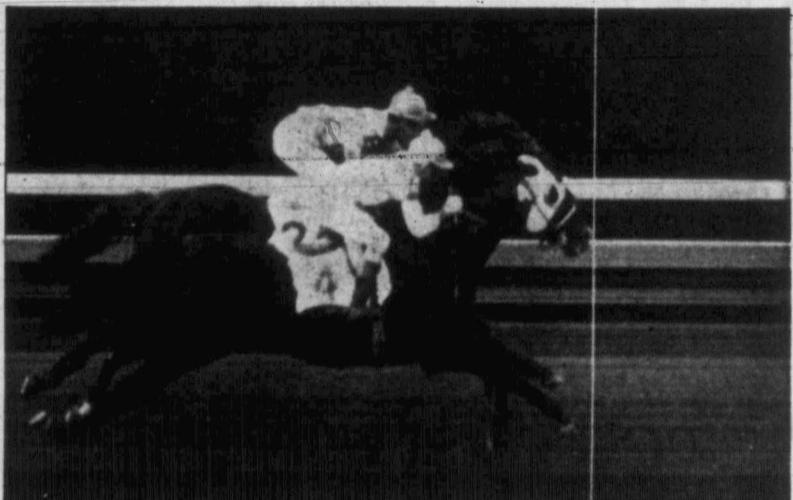


GEORDY JOHNSTON, sensational net-minder for the Shamrocks, is mobbed by his delirious teammates as the buzzer ends the final game of the 1955

Mann Cup final. Johnston outshone brilliant Moon Woottton, Peterborough Trailermen's goaltender, and was judged the outstanding player of the series.



GOLFER OF THE YEAR in Victoria was Colwood's Bill McColl, who picked up just about every available honor. The stylish Colwood player won seven major titles in 1955.



HORSE RACING returned to Vancouver Island for the first time in many years, at Sandown Park near Sidney. Close races like this photo-finish featured both harness and thoroughbred

meets in 1955 at the suburban track and interest shown by punters is expected to bring the sport back again in 1956.

(Times photos by Bill Halkett and Irving Strickland)



ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS Canadian athletes to appear in Victoria this year was Marlene Stewart of Fonthill, Ont., who defended her Canadian Open and Close championships in the 10-day tournament at Colwood Golf Club.



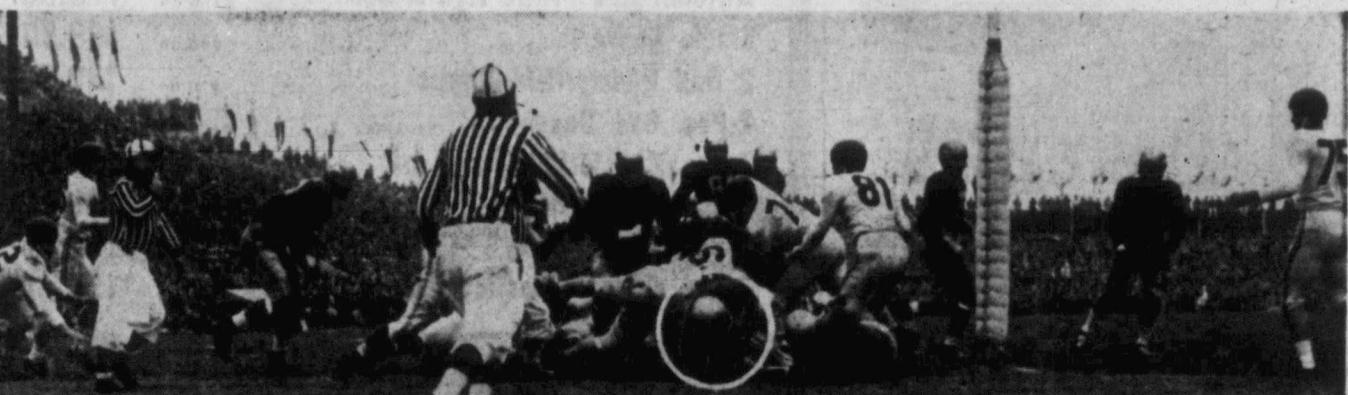
NORMIE KWONG of Edmonton Eskimos drinks deep of the Grey Cup after the WIFU champs won the Canadian football championship for the second

straight year, at Empire Stadium at Vancouver. Watching happily are coach Pop Ivy, left; Rollie Miles and Jackie Parker. Eskis trained here for the final.



ARNOLD FERGUSON, veteran Shamrock sips proudly from the Mann Cup after he and his teammates won the big mug from Peterborough. Ferguson came out of retirement in 1955

to help the Rocks to their first Canadian lacrosse championship. But, after 17 years in the game, he has decided to retire for good in 1956.



EDMONTON ESKIMOS put Victoria on the Grey Cup map in 1955 by choosing the city's Athletic Park to hold pre-game practices

before the final with Montreal in Empire Stadium. Arrival of the defending Grey Cup champs in the city awakened lively interest

in the gridiron sport, and Victorians cheered lustily by proxy as Normie Kwong (circled), plunges over for the Eskis' first touchdown

Irish, Alberni, Eskimos Scale Sport Heights

McColl, Stewart Dominate Golf

By STAFF REPORTERS

The final reality of the Mann Cup, a neighbor's share of the Canadian senior basketball championship and the Grey Cup by adoption—these were the highlights of a year of sports packed with a thrill and action.

But there were other things...the appearances here of Canadian Women's Open and Close golf champion Marlene Stewart as Victoria hosted the top fair sex golfers in Canada; the blistering fairways streak of our own Bill McCall; the demise of senior basketball in the city and the concurrent upsurge of the well-run little league baseball and soccer programs.

And there was the bitterness tinged withdrawal of Victoria City from the Coast Soccer League and their replacement by Victoria Strathconas.

Every sport made an impression during the year but none so indelibly as lacrosse, the Shamrocks battling their way to the top award in Canada, the Mann Cup.

The Rocks, again bolstered by eastern imports, went into their



LAURIE KERR
... city golf champ



RED McMILLAN
Shamrock mentor



DOT HERBERTSON
... B.C. golf titlist

Cougars Recall Past With Gritty Display

Victoria 1 Vancouver 0

By BILL WALKER

Victoria Cougars have history on their side today,

True, they may need more than history to help them through their Western Hockey League chores, but if Tuesday's 1-0 triumph over Vancouver Canucks is any criterion, they have that extra—a lot of determination.

The history is that it was five years ago that the Cougars, then in fourth place in what was the Pacific Coast Hockey League, won their Christmas Day encounter with Portland Eagles and were never to be beaten again at home in regular season play that year.

They were also to go on from there and win the league title and the league championship.

Sixteen games was the unblemished home mark of that

in the meantime.

A Menu to Suit Every Taste

The game started off at a fast clip, deteriorated slightly after the 10-minute mark of the first period, and came on again in the third period with the Canucks putting up a rousing finish in an attempt to get the equalizer.

In the interim between that good beginning and the tense finish, players got some of their inhibitions (and turkey) off their chests with a rugged body-checking display in the second period that threatened to get out of hand for a time. Eight penalties were called in the space of nine minutes as playing the puck became incidental to the main purpose of the combatants.

Happily all survived, and happily the 2,375 fans later departed, sincere in the thought that if it was excitement they cherished, that's what they got, plus a brilliant netminders' duel between Marcel Peltier of the Cougars and Ray Mikulan of the Canucks.

Peltier was as steady and deserving of that which a shut-out, his fourth, signifies.

The only goal came from the stick of rookie centre Don Chiupka late in the second period after an earlier goal by the Cougars had been called back, referee Joey Johns blowing his whistle seconds before the puck entered the net.

Chiupka's counter came on a pass out from yet another

rookie, Paul Strasser, and he banged the puck past Mikulan from between players.

Both clubs deserved better for their offensive efforts, but merit, and a little more than merit, was riding with the goals.

Bill Davidson of the Cougars hit the goal post in the second period, Colin Kilburn in the third. Jim Robertson shot wide from close in.

The Canucks were outlucked as well, particularly with Arnett Whitmore of the Cougars serving a penalty. Peltier made two good saves from point-blank range and Wayne Brown, a standout, slid across the goal-mouth to stop an almost certain goal.

The tempo of the tempest began to rise in the second period, and Nels Bullock of the Cougars and Mark Marques, a ex-Cougar, ripped the lid off a near-free-for-all with everyone joining in.

Hockey returned with Chiupka's goal and, but for some stellar netminding by Mikulan, victory might have been more decisive.

As it was, the Canucks almost spoiled the party with a last-minute offensive

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28, 1955

GOLF SCORES

Men

GROSS	NET
W. P. McCall (RC)	65
Vic. Young (RC)	65
R. Woods (GV)	65
R. Fleming (GV)	65
R. Morrice (GV)	65
R. Beauchemin (CB)	65
NET	65
Jack Storrie (GV)	65
Harr. Young (V)	65
Pat. R. Morris (V)	65
J. Volway (GV)	65
G. Horwood (V)	65
R. O. Evans (RC)	65
C. H. Little (V)	65
D. McGregor (V)	65
W. Cameron (GV)	65
W. Sorenson (RC)	65
W. MacLean (V)	65
L. H. Morrison (V)	71
C. H. Hart (V)	71
R. Winters (V)	71
G. Goodwin (RC)	71
D. A. Strain (U)	71
J. Anderson (V)	71
J. Carlow (GV)	71
O. R. Jull (V)	72
R. G. McCall (U)	72
H. Gill (RC)	72
L. Greenwood (RC)	72
V. Clarkson (RC)	72
M. L. Johnson (V)	72
A. Reids (U)	72
R. Johnstone (GV)	72
A. L. Smith (V)	72
G. D. (V)	72
V. Lea (U)	74
G. G. (V)	74
P. Nesbitt (CH)	74
W. B. Leach (V)	74
L. D. (V)	74
Dr. G. Blinnow (V)	75
D. G. Whyte (U)	75
D. Brink (RC)	75
T. Armstrong (V)	75
R. E. (V)	75
W. W. (V)	75
R. Okell (GV)	75
T. G. (V)	75
S. Scroggs (U)	76
R. M. Kennedy (RC)	76
T. S. McIntyre (GV)	76
D. Allman (V)	76
R. W. (V)	76
R. Powers (U)	76
G. C. Moon (U)	76
G. Greenway (V)	76
R. (V)	76
F. Clement (U)	76
R. E. Potter (V)	76
J. G. (V)	76
J. Galbraith (V)	76
G. Briscoe (U)	76
W. Jeanes (V)	76
T. Wilson (V)	76
J. Gillespie (V)	76
J. H. Bramley (V)	76
W. Paterson (GV)	76
E. D. Morten (U)	76
T. Heathfield (U)	76
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S. A. Keeble (U)	76
A. Glenday (U)	76
W. R. (V)	76
J. N. Armstrong (CH)	76
F. Leachman (CH)	76

Net Handicap

Harr. Young (V)

Pat. R. Morris (V)

J. Volway (GV)

G. Horwood (V)

R. O. Evans (RC)

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McColl Tops Holiday Golf

By DENNY BOYD

Bill McCall hung the latest of his many golf decorations on a top branch of the copper Christmas tree that is the trophy in the annual Boxing Day Golf Tournament.

The serious Colwood stylist matched par on both nines at Oak Bay Golf Club Tuesday for a 33-36-69, enough to win the gross championship by the margin of one stroke over clubmate George Andrews who checked in with a 70 for runner-up honors.

Jack Storrie, a seven-handicapper from Gorge Vale Golf Club, carded a 72 to take the low net championship with a 65. Storrie matched a pair of 36s on his excellent round, which included two birdies.

The match balls used by both McCall and Storrie will be bandied in copper and hung on the decorative Christmas tree trophy installed by The Victoria Colonial Councillors, tournament sponsors.

Tied for the runner-up position for low net with 66s were Harry Young, a 17-handicapper and Fred Ranson, who had eight strokes carved from his gross.

McCall was at his best precision form for the victory in a round that was his first in three weeks.

His score was achieved in spite of the fact that he was out of bounds on the 7th and 11th holes. McCall was stingy with his putter, needing only 27 putts and he hit 12 of the 18 greens in regulation figures.

Or the short but wind-swept seventh hole, McCall drove his tee shot over the green and into the ocean. He explained, "I used a No. 4 wood and tried to fade the shot but the darn thing went straight as a string. I got the proper fade on it the second time."

McCall had five birdies, one bogey and two double bogeys, on the seventh and 11th holes. After parring the first hole, he birdied three in a row.

The victory climaxed a great year for the popular president of the Victoria and District Golf Association. In 1955 he was won, in addition to his latest honor, the Island match play open, the Cowichan open, the Zone 1 championship, the mid-Island title, the B.C. closed amateur crown and the Colwood Club championships.

For the second year since inauguration of the tournament, good weather graced the players. There was a touch of frost on the greens for the early starters but this soon melted away under shadow-casting sunshades that took over by lunch.

Santa Claus was on hand at the first tee to hand out a gift to every player and Tom Hamilton waited of the seventh tee with a glass of warmth.

LINDSKOG TO 49-ERS?

VANCOUVER, B.C. (BUP)—The British Columbia Lions' line coach Vic Lindskog was reported today to have accepted an offer from the San Francisco 49ers of the United States Pro-national Football League.

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STAMPS OUTBRAWL WARRIORS

Royals Tie Amerks; Regals Snap Streak

By The Canadian Press

It was hometown night, or almost, in the Western Hockey League Tuesday.

Three of four host teams were victorious and the fourth came close. In New Westminster the Royals fought to a 1-1 draw with the 1-1 deadlock.

Ron Matthews scored for Royals and Rudy Fillion for Americans.

Regina downed Saskatoon 4-1 at Brandon, the new Regal home, and Calgary defeated Winnipeg 8-6.

In Calgary, the Stampeders and the Warriors lived up to their names and turned the third period into a brawl of majestic proportions.

**Injured MP Recuperates**

Harold Winch, CCF member of Parliament for Vancouver East, is confined to a hospital bed with his left leg in a splint. Mr. Winch broke his leg when he slipped on loose gravel. He expects to be in hospital for two months.

Churchman Blames Auto Strike on U.S.

TORONTO (CP) — Dr. J. R. Mutchmor, social service secretary of the United Church of Canada, said today it is time large United States corporations and unions stopped making Canada a battleground for "near-civil-war" industrial battles.

Dr. Mutchmor said he has written to the United States and Canadian leaders of General Motors of Canada and the United Automobile Workers' Union (CIO-CCL) asking them to settle the 101-day-old strike of 17,000 GM workers in five Ontario plants.

He said, in a press release, that he has asked Harlow Curtice, GM president, and Walter Reuther, international president of the UAW, to enter deadlocked negotiations to settle the dispute.

The United Church board of evangelism and social service will be asked to urge the federal government to consider legislation to "prevent Canada becoming the focal point for American company union wars," Dr. Mutchmor said. Referring to the GM strike and

the 101-day Ford of Canada strike last year, he said:

"It is a strange thing that these battles are being fought in this country when in the United States, Ford and General Motors and the UAW have settled their differences without a strike."

"After more than 100 days of effort in Canada ending in a failure to settle the strike, it is time now for the top-level men . . . to bring an end to the present conflict."

Negotiations in the GM strike—affecting 17,000 workers in Oshawa, Toronto, St. Catharines, London and Windsor—are to resume Jan. 3. If the strike lasts to Jan. 5 it would become the longest in Canadian automotive history.

The union seeks a 15-cent-an-hour wage increase, a guaranteed annual wage, company-paid hospital and medical insurance, and other benefits.

GOOD SHINGLES
British Columbia mills, using red cedar, provided 96 per cent of Canada's total of 2,610,000 squares of wooden shingles in 1953.

ARMS COSTS UNCHANGED SAYS HOWE**Cut in Orders Placed Abroad**

OTTAWA (CP) — Federal spending on arms in 1955 was virtually unchanged from 1954, though orders placed for future delivery declined, Production Minister Howe said Tuesday night.

"At the same time, the striking increase in the Canadian gross national product during the year has meant that the overall impact of the defence procurement program on the economy has been slightly reduced," he added in his year-end review.

Mr. Howe gave no figures, but his department's annual report published last spring showed federal expenditures on defence procurement in 1954 dropped to \$1,009,000,000 from \$1,207,000,000.

sents more than 1,000 firms, said the 1955 construction was more than three times the dollar value of 1946 construction and almost twice the 1946 volume.

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Mr. Malcolm said the level of 125,000 dwelling units completed is the amount which the construction industry said several years ago was the desirable minimum annual target. It was enough to house the population of Vancouver, Canada's third largest city.

ISLAND STRONGHOLD
Malta, the British island fortress in the Mediterranean, has

an area of only 95 square miles, cut the transportation costs.

CONSTRUCTION UP

Mr. Howe said that while overall expenditures were unchanged, the portion devoted to defence construction increased. Again he gave no figures, but said the major work was on the army's Camp Gagetown in New Brunswick and the mid-Canada radar line on which a summer airlift was successfully completed and arrangements made for a winter airlift.

The annual report also showed that in 1954 the value of orders placed for future delivery totalled \$1,221,000,000, up from \$818,836,000 in 1953. There was no official indication of how much of a decline took place this year.

"Increases in the volume of construction would appear to be more likely to be limited by shortages of certain materials such as structural steel, than by shortages of investment capital."

The president of the construction association, which repre-

sents more than 1,000 firms, said the 1955 construction was more than three times the dollar value of 1946 construction and almost twice the 1946 volume.

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10-INCH PIPELINE

The company Hydro-Carbons is said to be laying plans for a 10-inch pipeline to serve Saskatchewan and Manitoba first but will also seek from Parliament the right to lay the line as far east as Ontario and west to British Columbia, as well as south to the United States.

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Moleskin Cape Jacket (natural)	1	14	\$149	\$109
Grey Kidskin Jacket	2	12-14	\$149	\$109
Sheared Muskrat Clutch Cape (dyed and sheared), Breath of Spring	1		\$169	\$119
Grey Kidskin, three-quarter	1	12	\$169	\$119
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NEW YEAR'S RECEPTIONS SET FOR NEXT MONDAY

Close to dozen receptions are scheduled here by municipal, army, navy and government officials for Monday following New Year's Day.

Times and places follow:

Government House—11:30 to 1 p.m.
HMCS Naden—11:30 to 1 p.m.
HMCS Malahat—9:30 to 11 a.m.

Work Point officers' mess—9:30 to 11 a.m.

5th West Coast Defence Battery—10 a.m. to noon at Bay street Armory.

Canadian Scottish—11:30 to 1 p.m., Bay street Armory.

Queen's Own Regiment—1 to 3 p.m., Gordon Head.

Royal Victoria Yacht Club—3 to 4 p.m.

Mayor Claude Harrison—9:30 to 11 a.m. at City Hall.

Bishop James Hill—2 to 4 p.m. at the Bishop's Palace, 740 View.

Reeve A. C. Wurtele—2 to 4 p.m. in Esquimalt Municipal Hall.

BETWEEN TIMES

By MONTE ROBERTS

As a constant admirer (from a safe distance) of the various ramifications of the do-it-yourself movement, I was happy to find yet another book on the subject.

The book is "WEATHERCASTING," by Charles and Ruth Laird (Prentice-Hall Inc., 163 pp., \$3.95, as they say on the book review page.)

The dust cover suggests you shouldn't depend on others to find out whether it will be safe to hang out the wash tomorrow. "Forecast the weather from your own home," it urges.

"Now you can develop the most fascinating hobby in the world—weather prediction," the dust cover goes on. "This book tells you everything you have to know—shows you how to build simple weather instruments in your home at little cost—and have a wonderful time doing it."

Always being ready to have a wonderful time, I dipped eagerly into the book, and found that, by following simple, step-by-step instructions, I will be able to make scientific predictions, not haphazard guesses.

I was barely through the first chapter before I realized I could no longer depend on the sharp pain in my left knee to forecast rain; and just a few hundred words later, it became apparent the appearance of a patch of blue sky big enough to make a Dutchman a pair of breeches does not necessarily herald the end of moist weather.

Naturally, I read on, to find out what simple weather instruments I would need in my own home to make scientific predictions instead of haphazard guesses.

I've forgotten some of the simple instruments described, together with the simple methods of making them (with simple tools, of course, in the hands of a simple-minded man.)

But three stand out in memory: a simple anemometer, a simple nephoscope, and a simple psychrometer.

(If the above are spelled incorrectly, it's because they are too simple for an advanced intellect such as mine.)

But please do not misunderstand me. I heartily endorse "WEATHERCASTING," by John and Ruth Laird, and since reading it, have joined the do-it-yourself school of weather forecasting.

Now, when I wish to know what the weather will be, I no longer ask the kindly switchboard operator to get Bill Mackie of the weather office on the phone.

I dial 3-8241, all by myself.

This do-it-yourself stuff is tiring, but it is worth the effort.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES

Victoria Symphony Orchestra conductor Hans Gruber will instruct a public course "Exploring Music" for Victoria College Evening division.

The 10 concert lectures aim at giving those who attend a new appreciation of fine music. First lecture is Wednesday, Jan. 18. The course costs \$7.50. Registration takes place at the college.

Fine of \$250 or 20 days in jail was imposed on Howard M. Turner, 4091 Glanford, when he pleaded guilty in city police court today to a charge of driving after dark without lights on Dec. 10.

Theft of six paint brushes valued at \$10 and four leather wallet-type holders in an overnight break-in at Doman's Lumber Co., 102 Esquimalt Road, was reported to city police today.

Entry was gained by punching a cylinder in a lock on a rear door.

Peter Webb, Victoria, was remanded to Jan. 4 for sentence after circumstances regarding a charge of uttering a forgery were heard in city police court today. He pleaded guilty to the charge.

Alderman Robert Macmillan said the accused recently received a total of \$48 cash and three nights lodging at Macmillan's Motor Court by means of a forged cheque.

Theft of two batteries from a tractor at Sooke was reported to city police and RCMP today by C. R. Flitton, 402 Wilson.

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"A FLOWER FOR THE FAIREST" says hubby Albert to wife Betty, home in cast from England after motor accident three months ago. (Times photo.)

6,000 MILES

Long Stretcher Trip Ends for City Woman

After more than 6,000 miles and three months flat on her back, Mrs. Betty Ware is home again.

She arrived here today from England, still wrapped in a cast following an auto accident in Dorset, England, last September 22.

Her husband Albert Ware, flew overseas when he heard of the near-fatal accident and brought his wife home.

Friends of the 800 block Fort, where the couple are joint proprietors of the English Cabinet Shop, sent gifts and flowers to the hotel room where Mrs. Ware is staying temporarily.

She was in England on a buying trip and suffered a crushed spine, partial paralysis and other injuries when thrown from a skidding car.

"I lay two hours in the rain before an ambulance came," she said today. "There just wasn't one available." There were three passengers in the vehicle; she was the only one injured.

It's two weeks to the day since she started the long trek home, all the way on a stretcher.

The transportation, customs and immigration people were simply marvellous, marvellous," she said. "They couldn't have been nicer to me."

Miss Shaw suffered head injuries and Miss Duggan a hip injury.

Treated at St. Joseph's for slight injuries were D. F. Ritson, 3915 St. Peters, and his wife, and Arthur Roy Duggan.

The accident occurred when Duggan was driving south on Blanshard and his car skidded in snow, careening into the Ritson auto, which was proceeding north on Cook, police said.

Damage to both cars was heavy.

BABY ESCAPES

Mrs. Ritson's four-month-old son Brent was uninjured.

Kenneth James Egan, 1510 Belcher, received minor injuries when involved in a two-car collision in the 1100 block Craigflower at about 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Egan was attempting to leave a private driveway in his auto when in collision with a car driven by David Anderson, 544 View Royal.

Mrs. Veronica Saedal, 544 Rainbow, Belmont Park, suffered head injuries when a car driven by her husband Robert skidded on an icy stretch of the old highway on the Four-Mile Hill into a ditch.

The accident occurred at about 8:15 p.m. as Mr. Saedal was driving home from the city. Damage to the car was estimated at \$500.

"Union and commission representatives on the committee are thus able to iron out many local problems."

Results of the weekly Duplicate Bridge session Tuesday in the Business and Professional Women's Club follow:

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C'MON IN, THE WATER'S FINE . . .

Something new in YMCA swim program was tried Tuesday night—family funfest in association's freshwater pool. Mothers, fathers, sons and daughters

frolicked together in mid-winter splash party, for getting about chilly weather outside. More such sessions are planned for members' families.

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Nine Forced To Flee Business Block Fire

Bakery Ovens Blaze Source

A crackling wall fire which climbed from cellar to roof through a two-storey business block at Hillside and Quadra at 3:30 a.m. today sent nine persons to the street in night clothes.

There were no casualties but damage is expected to reach several thousand dollars.

Damaged, mostly by smoke and water, were Robinson's Grocery, 1002 Hillside; the Royal Bank, and Lansell's Bakery. Damage in the bakery was most severe.

Fire Chief Frank Briers said he thought the blaze started at the rear of large ovens in the bakery.

The residents of the upper story of the building, where there are four apartments, ". . . had a narrow escape," he stated.

Living upstairs are Mr. and Mrs. Alan King, Mr. and Mrs. E. Dennison, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Timm and their daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Garrett.

It was Mrs. King who discovered the fire and by her prompt action may have saved the lives of the other tenants.

"I smelled smoke at about 3:30 a.m. and woke my husband," she said. "The room was filled as if with thick fog. I thought first of the Christmas tree and we ran about pulling out (electrical) plugs.

"Then I heard a crackling in the wall and my husband put his hand against it and said it was very hot and the best thing we could do was get out of there."

Mrs. King ran from door to door along a porch which fronts the four apartments and hammered on the doors until everyone was awake. Her husband phoned the fire department and the residents trooped down the side stairway to the street.

Later they were given tea and shelter by Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Stevens, 2721 Quadra.

THREE TRUCKS

The fire alarm was sounded at 3:35 a.m. and three trucks responded. Five lines of hose were laid and 16 firemen used smoke masks and fans to penetrate the dense, acrid smoke.

"The smoke was terrific when we arrived. There was no sign of flames," said the chief. The firemen deployed from the roof to the basement and tore out walls to get at the flames. Air spaces between studding and joists had formed a flue for the fire.

When the fire reached the roof it was fed by cedar shingles which had not been removed when rubberized shingles were laid. It spread quickly and firemen were forced to back through the roof at several points. A television antenna was knocked from its base in the rush.

The lower floor of the building suffered most from the water, with the bank the least affected. During the blaze police attended with bank manager A. S. McKinlay and police chief John Blackstock supervised guard duties there.

Owner of the building, Mrs. M. F. Robinson, arrived from her home at Prospect Lake soon after the blaze started. She estimated damage to the building at well over \$2,000.

All losses were covered by insurance.

Dry produce stored in the basement of the grocery was damaged by water. Operator of the store, E. Dennison, estimated losses might run as high as \$3,000.

Freezing temperatures put a thin coating of ice over the roof of the building and made work hazardous for firemen.

"We are just studying it at the present time," said a commission official.

Salmon River headwaters are located north of Upper Campbell and Buttles Lakes.

Such a diversion could have an effect on the Upper Campbell Lake project, now under construction. It will determine to some extent whether the commission installs one or two 42,000-horsepower generating units at the Upper Campbell dam.

NORTH-EAST FLOW

Bids have been called on one generating unit.

Availability of storage, and engineering decisions on whether a spare generating unit is required will settle the question.

The Salmon River flows north and east to Kelsey Bay.

Meanwhile, a commission spokesman said storage for the John Hart hydro plant at Campbell River, which supplies the majority of Vancouver Island power requirements, is "quite good" for this time of year.

Lower Campbell Lake power reservoir is at 80 per cent of capacity.



STICKERS REPLACE PLATES ON BIKES

New Victoria bicycle licences are now on sale. Leslie Hodgkins, 9, 2338 Howard, bought one of first for his shiny, new Christmas bike. New licences

are transfers, replace the metal plates which often would rust and fall off. City is experimenting with new style which cost 75 per cent less.

'NW Owner Has \$500,000 To Build City TV Outlet

By PHIL LEE
Times TV Editor

William Rea, owner of New Westminster radio station CKNW, personally entered the three-way fight for local television Channel 6 today with a two-pronged attack:

(1) He said he has \$300,000 cash in hand with which to build a television station in Victoria if granted an operating licence by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

(2) He said he has it on the best authority that a local Channel 6 television station would not interfere with reception from Seattle's popular Channel 5.

Referring to Mr. Rea's desire to operate a local TV outlet, CKNW president David Armstrong said today "that no outside interests should be granted a channel allocated to Victoria."

He said CKNW's brief will be placed before the CBC board in February and "naturally" it is our sincere hope that the board of governors sees their way clear to grant a television licence to CKNW.

In a telephone interview with the Times, Tuesday, from Santa Barbara, Calif., Mr. Rea said he already sold his home in New Westminster and was ready and eager to make his home here if granted the use of Channel 6 when the CBC board of governors meets to consider applications in early February.

At the present time Channel 6 is the centre of a three-way struggle. Local radio station CKNW has already submitted an application to the CBC to build a \$300,000 low-power transmitter, to be located at Derby near Doncaster. Mr. Rea has asked for the right to operate a similar station near the Smith Hill reservoir.

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Victoria depends much on the tourist trade," Mr. Rea said. "And if and when we are allowed to broadcast at high power I foresee CSIX-TV being a great visual showcase for American viewers of the Pacific States. Through the medium of television we can show them in their homes what we have to offer."

Between Ourselves

By ELIZABETH FORBES

The Christmas tree was silver and white with gay colored bangles to give it a holiday atmosphere. It stood in a picture window overlooking a silvered sea that was touched with a streak of moonlight. Storm clouds smudged the sky.

"What a picture!" someone said. And another added, "Isn't it an attractive tree?" Baby Donald, nine months old and cradled safely in his father's arms, gurgled his approval.

"I wonder," said a voice, "what a Christmas tree really looks like in the eyes of a child? We, as grown-ups, take a quick look and see the overall picture. We say it's attractive. But what does a child see?"

Everyone turned and looked quietly at baby Donald, whose eyes were dancing with the reflected lights of the tree.

"It would be some particular decoration . . . some particular light . . . that he will remember when he grows up," a man's voice said softly. "You know I can still see a glass swan that was always placed at the top of our Christmas tree in the years when I was a small boy. It was a beauty."

"There were the candles, too," another voice chimed in. "Do you remember the little round candles in tiny metal holders that clamped right on the tree? Everyone was so afraid they would catch the tree on fire. In our house, they were all lighted ONCE so we could see them on Christmas morning . . . and perhaps again when company came in . . . but the parents stood by and they were snuffed out immediately. You know, I can still smell the hot candle grease and the warm odor of pine needles, too."

We looked at the silver and white tree in the window with the colored electric bubble lights that decked its boughs. "Quite different now," a voice said in the background.

Trees of Past Decked in Simple Finery

"Popcorn . . . I remember the popcorn," said a feminine voice from the chesterfield near the fireplace. "Our parents used to sit us down on the floor, the night before Christmas, with darning needles, long pieces of string and a big bowl of popped corn. We'd make long necklaces of it to decorate our tree. Our mother sometimes dipped a part of the popcorn in red coloring to give the Christmas effect."

"Of course we youngsters ate as much as we wanted and it ended up with our mother and father completing the job long after we were in bed. You know, I'll never forget that popcorn!"

A glistening star that came out of its box each year to deck the top of a tree . . . a gauzy winged angel . . . a tiny blue bauble, plain and with very little glisten and a golden coach and four with colored glass windows were all brought down from memory's shelf.

Surely someone said, "Put Donald down by the tree and see what he will do."

Gurgling and cooing, Donald was placed on the floor. He looked at his father. Smiled. Dug his fists in the rug and started to crawl toward the tree.

We sat watching.

A bit of colored paper, on the floor, attracted his attention. A tiny sprig of fir bough that lay forgotten under the tree was next explored.

Then Donald sat back and looked up at the tree. Slowly his hand went up and he touched one of the bubble lights just over his head. "Go-o-o-o!" is what he said. Then he rolled over, picked up the bit of fir bough . . . and promptly began to eat it.

We looked at each other. Someone sighed gently. "Well!" said the voice that had started the conversation. "That's that! YOU tell ME what you think he will remember."

It looks as if we'll have to wait until baby Donald grows up to find out.

OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Holiday Entertaining

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cameron entertained friends at an egg-nog party on Boxing Day at their St. David street home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Roffey entertained friends on Christmas morning at their home on Central avenue.

Wedding Guests

Mr. and Mrs. R. Young came from Seattle this week to attend the wedding of Miss Margaret McKenzie Fraser and Mr. Roy Turnbull Gower, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Tuesday evening. Also from Seattle were Mr. and Mrs. Allan Atkinson and family.

Salt Spring Island Notes

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Snow of Victoria spent the holiday weekend with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brown at Ganges.

Miss Froeida Baker came from Vancouver to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Baker at Ganges.

Capt. and Mrs. V. C. Best of Salt Spring Island are on an extended holiday trip to Boston where they are visiting their son and daughter-in-law.

Staying at Acland's Guest House on Salt Spring Island over the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Guthrie with Barnaby and Nicholas, Miss Bernice Hughes, Mr. Michael Stewart, all of Victoria, and Mrs. B. Griffin and Tony from Kelowna.

Capt. and Mrs. T. A. Milner, "Summerlawn," Ganges, have as guests their daughter Anne, who is to be married next Monday, and her fiance, Mr. Philip Gilbert. Also staying at "Summerlawn" is Miss Marjorie Hardy, New Westminster, the bride-elect's aunt, and Miss Mary MacLean, Vancouver, who is to be one of the bridesmaids.

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HOLIDAY SEASON VISITORS

Miss Jeanette Maurice, left, arrived recently from San Francisco, Calif., to spend the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Menard, 2160 Fair Street. She has as her house guest, Miss Anita Arbizu, of El Salvador, who is experiencing her first trip

to Canada. The Menard's Royal Siamese cats, Hajji and Baba, were there to welcome the visitors. Last year Miss Maurice was Miss Arbizu's guest in Guatemala. They will return to San Francisco after the New Year.

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Women

Women's Status Improved in Japan

OF PERSONAL INTEREST

New Year's at Uplands

Noisemakers, special decorations and a buffet supper will all be part of the fun at Uplands Golf Club this Saturday evening when members and their friends usher in the new year. Dr. T. W. James is in charge of arrangements.

Reservations include those of the president, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Williams. Dr. and Mrs. T. W. James will be with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hickie, of Vancouver, and Mr. and Mrs. Denis Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Willard will attend with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morris, and in another party will be Capt. and Mrs. C. V. Les Hale, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gotcher, Mrs. Dawes, Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. G. Scott.

In Japan today," she said, "social dancing is the rage, co-education is the order of the day, a woman can choose her own husband, parenthood is planned and you can look the imperial family straight in the face."

"Young people are extremely fond of foreign music. Many young girls and boys meet through such mutual interests."

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Returns to Vancouver

Mr. Gerry Webb, who spent the holiday weekend in Victoria, the guest of his mother, Mrs. Mary Webb, at her home on Mitchell street, returned to Vancouver today.

At B.C. House

Mr. and Mrs. K. J. H. Elliott and Miss Patsy Elliott were visitors at British Columbia House in London, Eng., just before the Christmas season. They signed the register there.

NO MORE RIDES

MONTREAL (CP) — As a safety measure, the Quebec province milk dealers' association instructed milkmen not to give rides to children in their horse-drawn vehicles. The association said it realizes the order may make the milkmen unpopular.

Favorite subject of any discussion is invariably "democracy and what it means."

While many Japanese women hold top positions in government, the fate of the married woman is still far from pleasant, she said. Due to the high birth rate, abortion is legal under certain conditions. Among mothers there is great deterioration of health due to the number of pregnancies."



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Gower-Fraser Wedding Vows Solemnized Last Evening

In St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Tuesday evening, Miss Margaret McKenzie Fraser, niece of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Halley, 2161 Fair Street, became the bride of Roy Turnbull Gower, 2026 Fernwood Road. Dr. J. L. W. McLean performed the ceremony in the church where yellow and bronze chrysanthemums and holiday decorations formed the background. Matching blooms marked guest pews.

Given in marriage to her uncle, the bride wore a white strapless gown fashioned with bouffant floor-length skirt of net over satin. The bodice, trimmed with mother of pearl, was topped with a small figure lace bolero. Her finger tip veil of illusion net was held to a head bandage trimmed with mother of pearl. Tassels roses and lily of the valley were in her cascade bridal bouquet.

Maid of honor, Miss Blanche Grant, wore a strapless powder blue floor-length gown of nylon net over taffeta with small net bolero. The bouffant skirt was appliqued with flowers. A pink feathered hat was scattered with rhinestones, and she carried a shill pink feathered fan of Briarcliffe roses. Flower girl, Miss Nancy Atkinson, wore a pale yellow floor-length taffeta dress with matching headress. She carried a basket filled with yellow chrysanthemums.

Best man was Frank Gower, and ushers, James Gower and Allan Atkinson.

Holly and festive decorations were seen in Oddfellows' Hall, where the reception was held. The bride's table, covered with a lace cloth, was centred by a three-tier wedding cake topped with a small vase of roses. Eric Paver and his orchestra provided music for dancing. J. G. M. Lock proposed the toast to the bride's future happiness.

Leaving for a honeymoon trip to the United States, the bride wore an imported suit of

and she chose a corsage of sweetheart roses and stephanotis.

Mr. and Mrs. Gower will make their home in Victoria when they return.

Women of the African Gold Coast wear elaborate dresses, swathed by the yard around their bodies.

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**WHY GROW OLD?**

By JOSEPHINE LOWMAN

Exercise is no longer on the notion counter but is now on a firm scientific basis. Modern life has been so speeded up that some years ago I planned my combination exercises. These are effective figure molders in at least two or three areas vital to lovely silhouette.

Extra poundage usually lands on the abdomen, waist or hips, or all three. Today I want to give you several of these combination exercises. They will improve your measurements and will save you time.

1. Lie on the floor on your back. Stretch your arms out on the floor, straight out from the shoulders, palms resting on the floor. The legs are straight. Lift your left leg up to a position at right angles to your body. Cross the left leg over the right and touch the floor on the right side of the body. The legs should be stiff. Your hips will roll. Now return the left leg to upward position. Lower to floor. Do the same thing with the right leg, crossing over the left. Continue, alternating left and right. This exercise is slimming to the abdomen, hips and waist.

2. This exercise is slimming to the abdomen, hips and gives your waist a good twist. Lie on your back on the floor. Arms extend out from shoulders and rest on the floor, palms toward the floor. Bend both knees up toward the abdomen to a point where the weight falls over the largest part of the hips. Keep the legs in this position as you roll from side to side, all the way over on each side. Do this exercise briskly.

There are many hundreds of exercises but some are so much more effective than others. Also some of them do more than one thing, effectively.

Whenever you see a woman past her very youthful years who has a lovely figure you can be almost certain that it is due to determination and exercise rather than to luck. A few simple motions and about 15 minutes a day will greatly improve any woman's silhouette.

If you would like to have my time-saving combination exercises send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request for leaflet No. 5 to Josephine Lowman in care of this newspaper.

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—A dressed-up treat for young or old. For 6 servings, slice 6 plain cake doughnuts in half, horizontally, and spread each half with butter or margarine. Sprinkle brown sugar on bottom doughnut halves. Place a pineapple slice on each bottom half and replace top half. Fasten with toothpicks and heat in a hot oven (400 degrees F.) for approximately 10 minutes. Serve warm with a spoonful of cranberry sauce in centre of each doughnut. (P.S.—No dunking, please!)

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Nylon and Crepe Slips—Regular to \$4.00.	1
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Smart afternoon and cocktail dresses in fashion's latest styles. Choose from wools, silks and other wanted fabrics. A very large choice.

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Man Hunted in Fatal Shooting Surrenders

MONTREAL (CP) — Yves Legare, 28, wanted by police for questioning in connection with a fatal shooting here Friday, and critically wounded her husband, surrendered Tuesday night.



They Live By Rifle and Plow

A young Jewish woman believes it's more dangerous at the corner of Bloor and Spadina streets in Toronto than in the Gaza strip where she takes her turn on guard duty with rifle and ammunition belt. A full color photostory by David Wilcock appears in our Weekend Magazine telling of the life led by a group of Canadian Jews who live on a communal farm in this strife-torn area. They are working extremely hard in poor conditions trying to build up something good for their children.

Your best reading value is your weekend newspaper



Hands Across the Sea

The little village of Banchory in Scotland is no so far away from Canada says Eva-Lis Wurlo, for there's scarcely a family without some kin in the land of the Maple Leaf. Miss Wurlo's article in our Weekend Magazine tells of her Scottish visit, describes the people, food and lovely scenery.

A Foster Mother's Story

Being foster mother to a new baby is a most worth while task, but parting with him to an adoptive home after four months is a great heartache, says Phyllis Edwards in our Weekend Magazine. Her article entitled—I Am a Foster Mother, tells something of the rewards of helping welfare agencies wage war against the baby smugglers. Mothers in particular will enjoy this most interesting feature.

Designed for Drinkers

A cardboard dial which charts the danger mark of intoxication for every drinker has been developed by two Toronto doctors. By moving a pointer the drinker's score will fall into one of three sections—green, yellow or red. Green, his condition is fair; yellow, much care will be necessary for driving; red, driving out of the question.

The Chores of Eating

The bane of Greg Clark's life was shoestring potatoes—that is until he met an understanding head waiter in one of New York's famous eating places. Our Weekend Magazine presents another of Greg's true-to-life anecdotes.

DFC's Reunion

During World War II Sports Editor Andy O'Brien was a war correspondent and this week he departs from his regular field of sport to tell of a reunion of three Battle of Britain heroes, all DFCs.

Read These Interesting Features Saturday in WEEKEND PICTURE MAGAZINE — with Your

VICTORIA DAILY TIMES

Authority on Bridge, Ely Culbertson Dead

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. (AP)—Ely Culbertson had been suffering for years with a lung congestion condition that resulted in a shortness of breath. He became seriously ill last May, but recovered.

He was stricken again two weeks ago and his condition became critical Monday. Death was ascribed to heart failure due to insufficient oxygen.

In addition to developing his contract bridge system, Culbertson added to his fame and wealth by his books and lectures, and also was renowned as a crusader for peace.

At the peak of the popularity of his bridge system, which he guided with his first wife, the gross income was some \$500,000 a year.

In 1942, he founded World Federation Inc., to promote his plan to achieve freedom from war through harnessing the means of waging war rather than attacking the causes of war.

SEATTLE (AP) — Earl E. Sunde, 21, admitted to police Tuesday that the car he has been driving since October was stolen. He needed the car, he said, to drive the 20 miles from his home at Monroe to make periodic reports to the state prison parole officer in Seattle.

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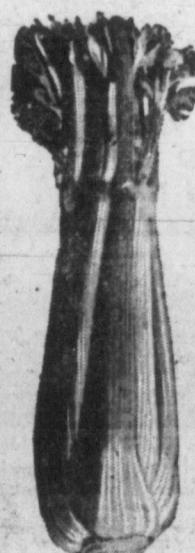
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ORANGES Large size, dozen **49¢**

Tomatoes Imported, Full-Vision Tubes, Red and Firm, approx. 14-oz. tube **33¢**

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MEAT SPREADS**

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2 tins **29¢**

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CRANBERRY SAUCE**

Whole or Jellied
Delicious with Turkey or Chicken

2 tins 45¢

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Ripe Olives Mt. Whitney extra large, 16-oz. tin **37¢**

Manz. Stuffed Olives Nabob, 9-oz. jar **49¢**

Smoked Oysters Musketeer, ¼-lb. tin **25¢**

Cocktail Holland Onions Coronation, 12-oz. jar **39¢**

Dill Pickles Heinz, 24-oz. jar **41¢**

Sweet Wafer Pickles McLaren's, 32-oz. jar **69¢**

Bread Martha Laine, wrapped, 24-oz. **2 for 35¢**

Sparkling Water Canada Dry, 30-oz. bottle (plus deposit) **25¢**

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23 Victoria Daily Times WED. DEC. 28, 1955

DEATHS
McMASTER—At the Royal Jubilee Hospital, on December 28, 1955, Mrs. Eleanor Lemon McMaster, in her 81st year; born in England, and had resided in Victoria for the past 45 years. Widow of Joseph McMaster and mother of five sons and four daughters. Funeral services Saturday morning, December 31, at 10 a.m. at the Royal Oak Burial Park. Interment in the Royal Oak Cemetery.

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BIRTHS

CRAIG—Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon
Craig, 2570 Musgrave Street,
announced the birth of a son at Royal
Jubilee Hospital, on Saturday,
December 24, 1955. Thanks to
Dr. G. W. Robson and maternity
staff.

MALLETT—Born to Mr. and Mrs.
E. M. Mallett, 1108 Esquimalt
B.C., at St. Joseph's
Hospital, December 22, 1955. A
son, 6 lbs. 6 oz. and 19 inches
long. Thanks to Dr. Paul and staff.

PARK—To Dorothy, wife of Major
Seymour Park, at Royal Jubilee
Hospital, December 23, a son,
Roderick Eugene.

DEATHS

CHARLES—Passed away in Victoria
on Dec. 28, 1955, Michael Charles,
beloved infant son of Leonard
and Mabel Charles, Brentwood
Bay.

Funeral services will be held at
the Assumption, West Saanich Road,
Dec. 29, at 10 a.m. Internment in
the Saanich Cemetery. Thomas
Funeral Home in charge of
arrangements.

DURRY—After an illness of some
duration, there passed away on
Dec. 28, 1955, Mrs. Tom Drury,
aged 54 years, a native
of Victoria. She leaves
two brothers, Edward and Wil-
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EDWARD—In Victoria, on Decem-
ber 28, 1955, Jessie Calderhead
Edward, of 4591 Arbutus Street,
in Scotland, and resident here
since 1937. Widow of Peter
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Big Merger Tops 1955 Labor Scene

Five-Sixths of Canada's Workers To Be Included in New Congress

By JOHN LEBLANC
Canadian Press Staff Writer
OTTAWA (CP)—Swift action toward an historic merger of the 1,000,000 members of Canada's two largest congresses overshadowed other developments in the Canadian labor field during 1955.

Amalgamation of the 600,000 in the Trades and Labor Congress and the Canadian Congress of Labor's 400,000 was assured during the year. The new Canadian Labor Congress, to be established next April, will be the largest union body ever formed in this country. To bring about its creation the long-time rivals agreed to sink their differences for a common effort. However, separate unions in each will retain their autonomy, though some individual mergers of TLC-CCL affiliates may develop eventually.

The merger will unite about five-sixths of the organized workers in Canada. Major groups not in it include 100,000 members of the Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labor—mostly in Quebec—and the International Railways Brotherhoods with 40,000 persons.

The CCLC adopted a wait-and-see attitude. The rail groups are pursuing their own way without evident interest in merger.

On the employment side, the year found more Canadians holding jobs than ever before a come-back from a 1954-55 winter that had more Canadians out of work than at any time since the depression of the 1930s.

By midsummer the number of persons with jobs stood at around 5,000,000. More than 5,000,000 were at work full time.

Seasonal unemployment set in with the coming of cold weather. Government observers found mid-fall employment unusually stable, but labor leaders were predicting the second-toughest winter for jobs since the start of the war.

WAGES INCREASE

Meanwhile, labor's dollar earnings continued their steady post-war rise. Average weekly pay in the non-farm industries reached \$61.46 by the end of September, up from \$59.25 a year earlier.

Up to that time, Canadian workers had received a record nine-month pay envelope of \$9,463,000. September's \$1,125,000,000 made it Canada's best month ever.

In company-union dealings, Canadian labor took a step along the road towards the guaranteed annual wage. The CIO Auto Workers got a guaranteed wage plan.

Malaya Communists Refused Recognition

BALING, Malaya (Reuters)—Malaya's Communist underground insurgents today boldly demanded recognition as a legal political party but met a flat refusal from Malayan government leaders in peace talks here.

An official statement issued after two meetings between Communist and government leaders said the government's answer was "definitely no" to Communist pressure for recognition of their party after an armistice.

Chin Peng, leader of the Communist underground which has battled government troops for eight years in Malayan jungles, also asked that the Communists be "absolutely free" from official investigation or restrictions on their movements after surrendering.

He said that if the Communist party is not recognized, its members should have the right to join existing political parties or to form a political party to propagate their ideas.

RECALLS ATROCITIES

But Tengku Prince Abdul Rahman, head of the Malayan government, replied that because of "atrocities" committed by the Communists "the people of the country would not accept the position that they should be free from the moment they came out to go wherever they liked and do whatever they liked," the statement said.

The government arranged today's true talk in this barbed-wire-surrounded north Malayan village in hopes of ending the

NEWS BRIEFS

First step in establishment of an automotive tradesmen qualification examination system in B.C. will be taken at a meeting in Vancouver Jan. 11 in Labor Department offices.

Edmund L. Allen, director of apprenticeship training in apprenticeship and tradesmen's qualification branch, suggested the date to hear information which representatives of the automotive trades might be able to provide.

Alexander Spradlow, 733 Discovery, was fined \$35 and \$10 costs or five days in jail when convicted in city police court today, on a careless driving charge arising from a recent two-car accident.

Charge of failing to notify motor vehicles branch of a change of address resulted in a fine of \$10 or three days in jail for William Halling, 844 Dunsmuir, when he appeared in city police court today.

Ball was set at \$2,500 in city police court today for Earl James McNaughton, charged with being in a dwelling house with intent to commit an indictable offence Tuesday night.

Magistrate Henry C. Hall remanded him to Saturday for election and fees.

The charge was laid following an incident at Dover Apartments, 644 Cormorant, at about 8.40 p.m.

Attempt to Sabotage British Rail Bridge

BAILDON, Eng. (Reuters)—Police Tuesday night were investigating what was believed to be an attempt to sabotage a railroad bridge over a road here.

Two coping stones, blocks forming part of the bridge and each weighing about a ton, were found to have been pried away and had crashed down 30 feet. Ballast had been deliberately removed, police said.

In the field of legislation, Parliament overlook the first complete overhaul of the 15-year-old Unemployment Insurance Act.

Higher maximum benefit payments were introduced, bringing the top to \$30 a week for jobless with dependents. The maximum period for drawing benefits was reduced from 51 to 32 weeks.

Late in the year, some labor groups were besieging the government for relaxation of newly-stiffened qualifications for applying for a second round of benefits. Unions claimed thousands of workers were temporarily disqualified.

In unemployment relief—as opposed to the contributory unemployment insurance—the federal government during the year offered to share with the provinces the cost of caring for unemployed not covered by insurance. It appeared likely agreements would be negotiated this winter with all provinces except Quebec and Ontario.

On the employment side, the year found more Canadians holding jobs than ever before a come-back from a 1954-55 winter that had more Canadians out of work than at any time since the depression of the 1930s.

By midsummer the number of persons with jobs stood at around 5,000,000. More than 5,000,000 were at work full time.

Seasonal unemployment set in with the coming of cold weather. Government observers found mid-fall employment unusually stable, but labor leaders were predicting the second-toughest winter for jobs since the start of the war.

WAGES INCREASE

Meanwhile, labor's dollar earnings continued their steady post-war rise. Average weekly pay in the non-farm industries reached \$61.46 by the end of September, up from \$59.25 a year earlier.

Up to that time, Canadian workers had received a record nine-month pay envelope of \$9,463,000. September's \$1,125,000,000 made it Canada's best month ever.

In company-union dealings, Canadian labor took a step along the road towards the guaranteed annual wage. The CIO Auto Workers got a guaranteed wage plan.

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\$90 MILLION SUIT

Business Machine Tampering Charged

NEW YORK (UP)—Sperry Rand Corp. Tuesday filed a \$90,000 three-way damage suit against the International Business Machine Corp., charging for tabulating machines to be procured by the government in such a way as to get favored treatment for IBM.

Sperry Rand charges among other things that IBM has "tampered or interfered with the efficient normal operation" of tabulating machines manufactured by Sperry Rand, the merged corporations of Sperry Gyroscope and Remington Rand.

Thomas W. Watson Sr., chairman of the board of IBM, is sued a prompt denial of "any violation of the anti-trust laws that our conduct at any time has been adverse to the legitimate business interests of Sperry Rand Corp."

The suit, brought under the civil anti-trust laws, charges that in the last 10 years practically all of the electric tabulating machines in the U.S. have been manufactured by IBM, which leases the machines rather than sells them as Sperry Rand does.

Sperry Rand, whose board

Thursday Meetings

Rotary Club—Empress Hotel ballroom, 12.10 p.m.; father and son or daughter program with Rotary Boys' Choir.

Oak Bay Kiwanis Club—Oak Bay Beach Hotel, 6.15 p.m.

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SPORT PAGES FEATURE '55 HIGHLIGHTS

Top local sports thrills and highlights of 1955 with a full pictorial page will be found in the sports section of the Times today, pages 12 and 13.

Fires Kill 6 Children In East

Christmas Tree Blamed for Blaze

ST. PIERRE, Man. (BUP)—A Christmas tree was toady blamed for the death of three small boys who were burned to death in their St. Pierre, Man., home early today. RCMP reported that five-year-old Loo Arpin, his four-year-old brother Guy, and three-year-old Richard died in blaze which gutted their home shortly before 8 a.m.

The lad's father, George Arpin, a local taxi driver, was not at home when the fire started. Police said the origin of the blaze was not known, but it was believed to have begun near the Christmas tree.

Another of the Arpin's seven children, the eldest, Noel, age 10, was reported in good condition in St. Pierre hospital. He received undetermined injuries when he jumped from a second-story window of the flaming house.

GATINEAU MILLS, Que. (CP)—Three children were burned to death today in a fire which destroyed a two-story frame house in near zero weather in this town five miles east of Ottawa.

Killed were Philippe, 9; Nicole, 6, and Charles, 4, children of Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Gen. Gendron.

Mrs. Gendron suffered severe burns when she rescued her two-year-old daughter, Louise. She was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital in nearby Hull in serious condition. The child suffered superficial burns.

The fire broke out at about 8:30 a.m. and within 10 minutes, when firemen arrived, the house was a mass of flames.

FOUND IN BEDROOM

The three victims were found in a front bedroom on the second floor, two of them still in bed, the other on the floor.

A fireman said "there must have been some sort of explosion to cause the fire to spread so quickly."

The father, a plumber, was away at work.

The tragedy raised the fire toll in Ottawa and immediate vicinity to 11 deaths within 11 days and to 16 within the last one and one-half months.

Search Resumed

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP)—Search for fliers Forest Wright and Andy Warwick, missing since Dec. 6 in Canada's Northwest Territories, has been resumed out of the small Yukon river town of Eagle.

Bush plane pilots took a three-day break to spend Christmas with their families and to get their planes serviced.

GM PRESIDENT NAMED MAN OF YEAR

NEW YORK (AP)—Time magazine has chosen Harlow Curtice, president of General Motors, as its 1955 "man of the year."

Curtice, "in a job that required it, assumed the responsibility of leadership for American business," the magazine says in its January 2 issue, out today.

The Time article recalls that Curtice reflected his confidence in the economy by announcing a \$1,000,000,000 GM plane expansion program early in 1954 at a time when there was gloomy talk of the post-war boom ending.

As a result of the "billion dollar bet," Time says, "many another businessman also raised his sights, putting more dollars into pockets to spend, and sending the economy booming along into 1955's record year."

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HE NEARLY HAD A FIT!

William Higgs had a little trouble when he tried on Christmas gift hat; exchanged it today at HBC for something more fitting. Store take exchanges on

all undamaged merchandise, no matter where purchased, as long as of type regularly sold. System proves boon to Mr. Higgs. (Times photo.)

Christmas Sales Hit New High; Retailers Report 10% Boost

By NORMAN CRIBBENS
Times Business Editor

Victoria storekeepers looked over their Christmas returns today and found them highly satisfactory.

Some stores estimated sales were 10 per cent up on the rush period last year, hitting a new

ranged from five to 15 per cent up on last year.

There was a general tendency towards higher quality gifts particularly in the way of television and high fidelity sets, electrical household appliances and table cutlery.

Fishing rods, rifles, furniture, table and bed lamps and pictures were also much in demand as gifts this year.

Some storekeepers had the impression many customers dug into their savings this Christmas in order to buy quality goods for close relatives.

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WOMEN GAIN

"This seems to have been largely a woman's Christmas," a saleswoman at one of the bigger Victoria stores said. "I have never seen male shoppers buy-

ing so much in the way for fur dresses, shoes, stockings, night gowns and dainty underwear.

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Pioneer Parson,
J. W. Miller, Dies

VANCOUVER (BUP)—One of British Columbia's pioneer country parsons, the Rev. John Wesley Miller, died here today at the age of 73.

A graduate of Trinity College, Toronto, Mr. Miller came to Salt Spring Island as a student minister in 1907. He served as minister, first with the Methodist Church and later with the United Church at 10 B.C. towns and in Vancouver.

The funeral service will be in Vancouver Friday at 3 p.m.

Mr. Miller was prominent in Ministerial Association affairs and a charter member of the University of British Columbia. One of the achievements of his early ministry was the raising of funds to build a church in Port Alberni in 1912. The pioneer church still serves the United Church congregation there.

His survivors include relatives across the country and his widow and son, Dean, of the Vancouver area.

Sailing Abandoned

LONDON (CP)—Canadian Pacific Steamships Ltd. today confirmed an earlier decision to abandon the Canada-Clyde Atlantic sailings of the Empress of Scotland.

Lord Roseberry, chairman of the Scottish Tourist Board, which led opposition to the plan to cancel the voyages, described the final decision as "a great disappointment."

In 1955, records were made in other economic fields. Outlays for construction and other capital investment will exceed the department's \$6,000,000,000 mid-

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Economic Boom Unabated—Howe

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Gleason to Undergo Surgery

NEW YORK (AP)—Jackie Gleason, portly television comedian, will enter a hospital soon after New Year's Day for a minor operation to remove an abdominal cyst. It will be the fourth similar operation Gleason has had in the last 10 years.

Lindskog Denies He'll Join 49'ers

VANCOUVER (BUP)—British Columbia Lions' back-field coach Vic Lindskog said today there was no truth to reports he would join the San Francisco 49'ers next year.

Reports reaching here from San Francisco said former Calgary Stampeders quarterback Frankie Albert would become head coach of the 49'ers and that Albert had signed Lindskog as his assistant.

PGE Popular With Americans

NORTH VANCOUVER (CP)—The Pacific Great Eastern Railway is almost sold out already for its first and second trips from here to Prince George next summer.

E. L. Plant, president of a rail travel boosters club, says he has received applications from hundreds of Americans to ride on the first train from the North Shore to Prince George.

First train is expected to go through about June 21.

Cripple Asks, Gets 2 Years in Pen

VANCOUVER (CP)—A 35-year-old cripple, who said he was forced to pass bad cheques because he could not live on social assistance, today asked to be sentenced to two years in the penitentiary so he could learn a trade.

Gordon McDougall pleaded guilty to the forgery charges and Magistrate Gordon Scott granted his request.

Coast-to-Coast Warning System

OTTAWA (CP)—Civil defence authorities have put before the government plans for establishment of a 24-hour, coast-to-coast warning system to be used in case of attack on Canada.

Red Rowers Use U.S. Methods

LONDON (AP)—The Soviet Union admitted today it is using some United States training methods to get its rowers into top shape for the 1956 summer Olympics in Australia.

Moscow radio's sports commentator Viktor Kuprianov said in a broadcast heard here the Americans had taught Soviet rowers Victor Ivanov and Ivar Budakov one excellent lesson at England's Henley regatta last summer—"a rower has got to be in top physical condition."

Flood Threat Passes; Death Toll Hits 46

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—As waters permitted new assessments of the inundated areas, the return of fair weather, California and Oregon counted 46 known dead.

Estimates of those missing and possibly dead ranged from 22 to 38, but no one knows precisely how many bodies may be found when flooded buildings in scores of communities are cleared of debris.

Heroic work of United States army, navy, air force and coast guard men who manned boats, trucks, amphibians, helicopters and planes cut the loss of life by hundreds as they worked constantly during the long siege.

Damage estimates rose to \$150,000,000 as receding flood without additional flooding.

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Christmas Tree Blamed for Blaze

ST. PIERRE, Man. (BUP)—A Christmas tree was blamed for the death of three small boys who were burned to death in their St. Pierre, Man., home early today.

RCMP reported that five-year-old Leo Arpin, his four-year-old brother Guy, and three-year-old Richard died in a blaze which gutted their home shortly before 8 a.m.

The lad's father, George Arpin, a local taxi driver, was not at home when the fire started. Police said the origin of the blaze was not known, but it was believed to have begun near the Christmas tree.

Another of the Arpin's seven children, the eldest, Noel, age 10, was reported in good conditions in St. Pierre hospital. He received undetermined injuries when he jumped from a second-

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